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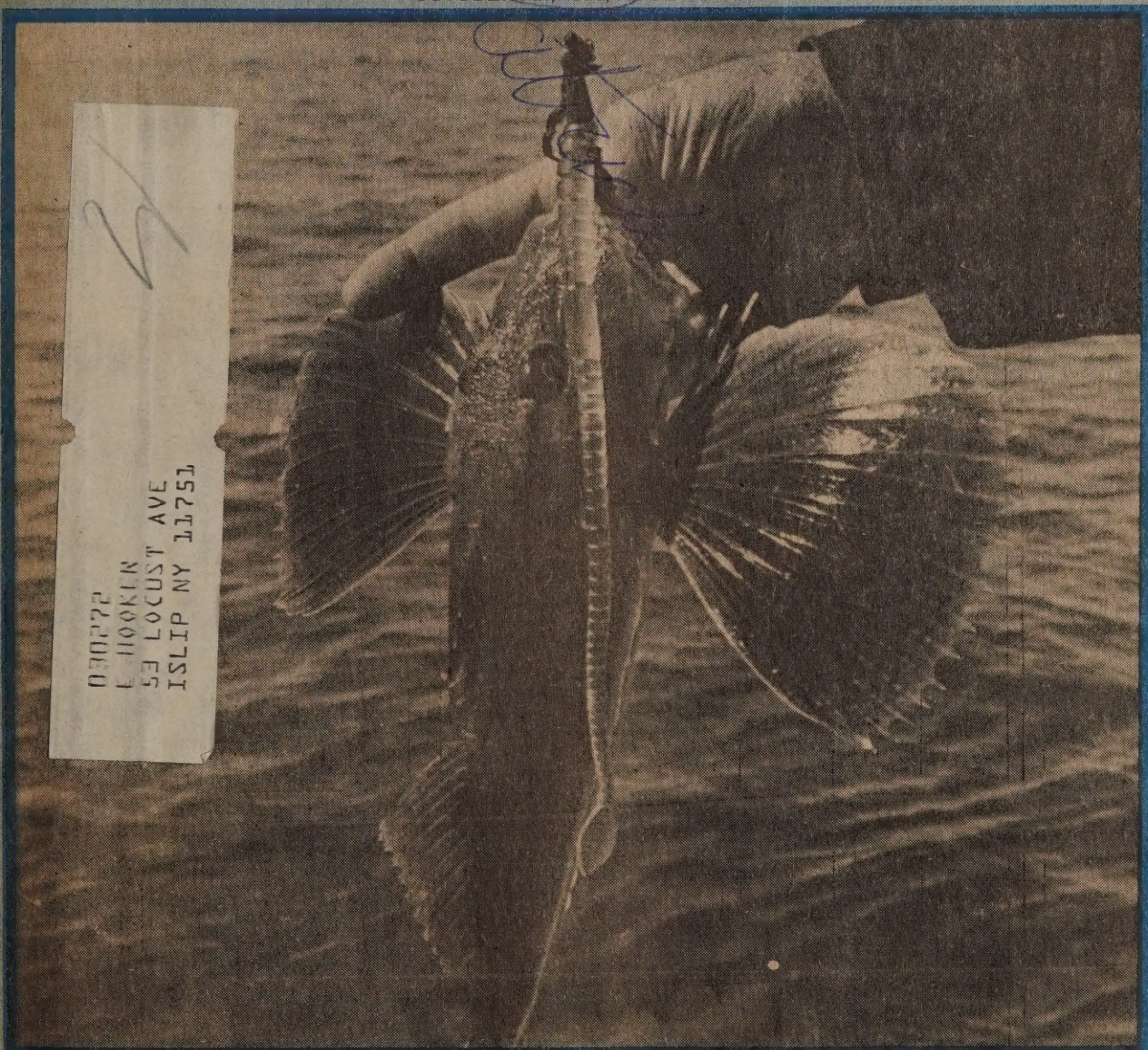

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Even sea robins, which many anglers call trash fish, will take a plasic worm by the head. Even with seaweed attached on the bullet head weight the fish attacked it. Photo by Dick Mermon.

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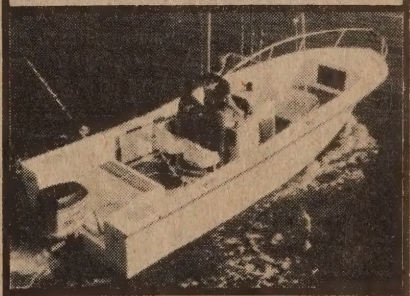

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Most often the problem comes to the scientist's attention when a fish kill happens and the evidence of a massive louse infestation is proven by investigation and laboratory examination.

Biologists don't know a great deal about what happens to fish infested with lice, other than they die if the parasites occur in great numbers. Under normal conditions lice are present in low numbers, but occasionally a major outbreak of lice occurs and fish are then killed by their parasitic companions. Even the exact conditions required to set off an abnormal hatch of fish lice aren't known, although it is associated with warm water.

Lice are believed to cause death to fish in a couple of ways. One, they inject quantities of a toxic substance into the fish's bloodstream. Secondly, lice destroy the protective mucus covering which all fish have on their skin, and fungi infection then sets in damaging the fish and causing death.

In answer to questions asked by Mercury outboards' fishing department, scientists say there is no danger of harm to persons eating the fish which have lice. The louse is an external creature, living on the fish's skin and is destroyed and removed when the fish is scaled and prepared for cooking.

You can't readily see fish lice with the naked eye, unless you've had some experience looking for them. Most mature lice are less than 1/16 pg. sm inch long and are so transparent that it is impossible to spot them without a magnifying glass. Perhaps the most encouraging news for anglers is that lousy fish are few and far between. Major cases of lice infestation rarely happen.

FESTIVAL OF THE SEA

October has been proclaimed Festival Of The Sea month by the officials of the Village of Greenport and the Town of Southold. Unique plans have been prepared for the Annual Festival of the Sea (formerly the Oyster Festival) and Nautical Craft exhibits Saturday October 9th 1976, rain or shine, from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. at the American Legion Hall, Greenport, NY (Near RR Station) sponsored and paid for by the Greenport Southold Chamber of Commerce.

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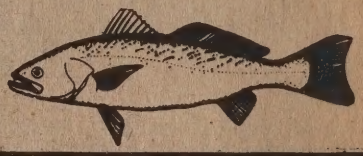

CLUB NEWS

RAMS ROD AND REEL CLUB

Quincy Mass. fishing trip on September 19th was a huge success with a total of more than 1300 flounders caught in the 1 to 2 pound class by 36 fishermen. 13 club members, 22 guests and 1 Bonafide Rookie, Pat Tully, who never wet a line in his life. After this trip Pat was the first to make reservations for the next trip. Club member Sonny Zarnesky was individual high hook with 71 fish and Joe Gallo Sr high hook for double headers. Thanks to fellow officers and members for a well organized trip.

FISHING REPORTS

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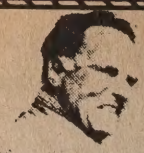


Whiting Evans

The Casting Gourmet

CLAM CHOWDER WITH HUSH PUPPIES, COD FISH CAKES

The readers of this column have indeed responded to my recent request for their co-operation in sending me questions and recipes they would like to share with others. By all means, keep them coming; the more the merrier!

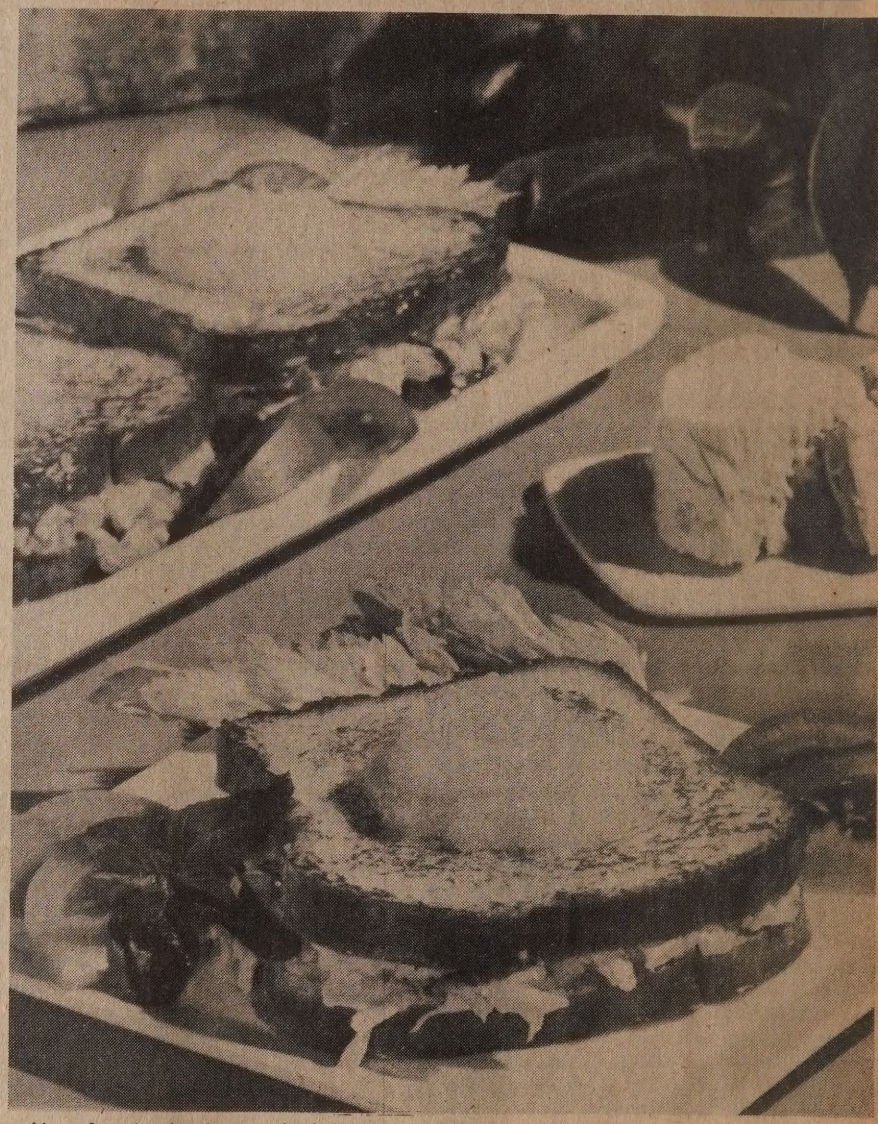
My last column consisted largely of the contribution of Bill Brooks who very carefully explained how to serve fresh raw tuna slices in the manner used by the Japanese. Mrs. J. Garone of West Islip, NY writes me requesting that I give her a recipe for a good Manhattan Clam Chowder. I am most happy to oblige!

In the first place, I don't believe that anyone could conduct a column on recipes and to have actually prepared and eaten the results of each one—himself. My job, as I see it, is to look for recipes relating to the preparation of dishes pertaining to fish and then, when I see one which appeals to me, to pass it on to you. I'll say it again, that somehow, I possess the ability to read a recipe and practically taste the end result. I found the following recipe for a chowder in the Christian Science Monitor in a recent issue. It originated with one Gladys Whitely who used to own a small open air restaurant in Key West.

GOURMET GALLEY CLAM (or conch) CHOWDER

8 bay leaves
¼ tspn sage
¼ tspn basil
½ tspn thyme
2 garlic cloves, chopped fine
1 tspn chopped parsley
1½ tspns salt
¼ tspn freshly ground pepper
1 can minced clams or 6 large conchs
1 green pepper, sliced
4 small potatoes
½ pound salt pork
2 medium onions
6 stalks tender celery
1 pound can of tomatoes
8 cups of water

Fry out the cubed salt pork. Remove pork cubes. Add chopped onion and green pepper and saute until limp. Add water, tomatoes and seasonings. Cook slowly over low heat. (If using conchs, pound them well to ensure tenderness, and cut into small pieces.) Add all ingredients except potatoes to kettle and simmer for two hours. Add diced potatoes and cook until tender. Taste and adjust seasoning to your taste. (Serves 6 to 8.)



Now for the hush puppies! It seems that the fame of the chowder and hush puppies reached its peak at the South Bar-B-Q Ranch on U.S. 27 in Clewiston, Florida. The pups are crusty golden on the outside and tender inside with a slightly sweet, tangy flavor all their own.

OLD SOUTH HUSH PUPPIES

1¼ cups yellow or white cornmeal
2 cups flour
3 tspns baking powder
1 tspn salt
½ tspn black pepper
½ pound onions, ground or finely chopped
½ cup buttermilk
¼ cup catsup
1 cup canned tomatoes
1 small egg

Mix onions with the catsup, chopped tomatoes, egg and buttermilk. Mix cornmeal, flour, baking powder, salt and pepper, and mix with liquid ingredients. Mixture may be kept in refrigerator for several days. When ready to use, drop tablespoons of mix into deep fat and fry until golden brown.

James Smith of Bellerose NY writes to remind me of the day when we met each other aboard the "Starstream", the

party boat which sails out of Freeport. On that occasion he had asked me to furnish him with a recipe for cod-fish balls, which I did in an issue of LIF earlier this year. He goes on to say that my recipe called for salt codfish whereas that which he was looking for was a recipe which used fresh cod. Using my recipe with fresh codfish instead of salted, gave him nothing but failure time after time. The results, he says were "mussy."

CODFISH BALLS OR CAKES

Jim Smith continues, "Through trial and error I have discovered this method. It is simply to drain and chill both the fish and the potatoes overnight in open bowls and continue making the fish cakes the next day. I have used the following recipe with much success."

2 cups codfish cooked
2 cups boiled potatoes
1 egg
1 tblspn butter
1 tblspn flour
½ tspn salt
1/8 tspn pepper
1/8 tspn ginger

Take pieces of codfish not fit for steaks or fillets. Place fish in boiling water and cook until the fish flakes off the bone—10 minutes, more or less. Drain fish after removing pieces of bone and skin, etc. Place fish meat in uncovered shallow bowl or pan and refrigerate overnight.

Boil two or three potatoes until tender; drain and peel off skin and place in uncovered bowl in refrigerator overnight.

Put potatoes through ricer or mash with no liquid. Mix all ingredients and shape into balls or cakes. Brown in butter in a frying pan or fry in deep fat at 385 degrees F. When browned, drain on paper towels. This recipe yields 24 small balls or eight large cakes. Hope you enjoy them as much as I do." Thank you Jim!

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½ tspn salt & 2 tblspns chopped pimiento
12 slices white bread
½ cup milk
2 whole eggs
1 tspn sugar
fat for frying
applesauce (heated)

Drain tuna and flake. Combine tuna, celery, salad dressing or mayonnaise, green pepper, pimiento, orange or lemon rind and ¼ teaspoon salt; mix well. Spread 6 slices of bread with an equal amount of tuna mixture; cover with remaining 6 slices of bread. Combine milk, eggs, sugar, and remaining ¼ teaspoon salt; beat well. Dip sandwiches into egg mixture. Fry in fat over moderate heat until brown on one side. Turn carefully, brown on a second side. Serve with heated applesauce. Makes 6 servings.

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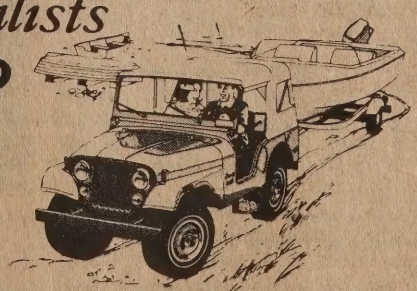

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Surf Side with Doc Muller

LIVE EELS- Part One
It Happens In Autumn

Live and rigged eels are great natural baits anytime of the year. The boys throw them from the jetties, banks, and bridges with great success. They don't only catch bass. Blues and weakfish won't have anything against eels either.

Yet there is something about the fall. The fall, when the big fish migrate down the coast often coming right into the wash!

"Where you wanna fish tonight?" one angler asks another.

"Gee, I don't know. I hear they're taking quite a few fish at Montauk on plugs, but if I stay close to home and fish with those snakes there's a chance for my 50."

The big 50! For many of us it becomes a quest of a lifetime. If we fished bait all year instead of those plugs, that fifty would probably have been caught a couple of times.

Nonetheless, in spite of the errors of some, many wash soakers get turned on to tossing live eels into the south shore surf.

I've said it before, and I'll say it again, bait fishing from the beach is b-o-r-i-n-g! I fell asleep on my rod three or four times last fall. Don't chastise me Al, I already hear your words echoing in my ears!

Why do I do it then? For the same reasons you guys do. Because fall plug fishing close to home has been dismal lately, because I too want the big 50 or 60 and because I'm CRAZY!

The search for big Roccus is becoming a natural part of my great mental illness. And then when I trek down to the suds and see those clowns with flounder poles casting maybe 50 feet, catching 30's, 40's and 50's—well I can't take it anymore!

Whatever happened to paying your dues! If one more guy comes up to me dragging a 40 pounder, telling me it's his first bass, and asking to use my scale, I'm going to give up fishing! Well, maybe I'll think about it.

Okay, it's about time to get down to basics: Nuts and bolts if you wish. Right Claude?

Here it is then, the nitty-gritty! Grab whatever rod you have, whatever boots that are handy, buy a few eels and go fishing. Is that too sarcastic?

I guess so. Well, in actuality, you'll need a good long stiff rod: 11-14 feet long and thick enough at the tip to throw big eels with gusto. The pros prefer conventional because this tackle permits longer casts and better control, but a lot of guys catch a lot of fish with spinning gear, too.

Match the size of the hook to the size of the eel. Shown are siwash hooks of 4/0 and 8/0.

Twenty pound test monofilament is the minimum, although most regulars stay away from monofilament. They spool 50 pound test Micron line on the revolving spool reels and splice in a 12 to 15 foot length of 50 pound test mono with an end loop splice. Some of the pros reinforce the lower portion of the stick by shoving the appropriate diameter birch doll up the shaft. They believe that the weakest part of the rod is the place the reel is secured and so they beef it up a

little. Right Frank?

In order to get the most casting distance out of your outfit it is essential that it be balanced. Adding a few ounces of lead to the end of the butt will accomplish this.

What make of reel should I buy? If you're turned on by conventional tackle stick to proven quality such as the Garcia Ambassador 7000 and 9000 or Penn Squidder. If you prefer spinning tackle, the Crack 300, Penn 704, 706 and the Garcia-Mitchell 386 all boast solid construction and smooth drags.

Is all this really necessary? Continuing! Terminal tackle is very important and most surf anglers prefer a fish finder rig so that the bass can pick up the eel and swim away with it and not drag the sinker around. Keep the leader short, with a maximum of 18 inches. Snell, don't tie a siwash hook to the 50 pound test monofilament leader. The size of the hook is directly related to the size of the eels you use. But in general 4/0, 6/0, 8/0's are the sizes that are used. The topic of eel size is an entire debate in itself! There are those that insist that shoestring eels are the only way to fly, while others maintain that if it doesn't look like a boa constrictor it isn't big enough. Well, I'm going to stay out of this one.

Anyway, when the fishing gets hot it's sometimes tough to find eels and at those times one doesn't want to get fussy about size. It seems to be much more important to throw the eel in front of the nose of a big bad bass than what size the eel, if it's in the right spot, I think?

You see what confuses me, is that I really keep seeing all those "hooples" with their flounder rods and 40 pound lunkers.

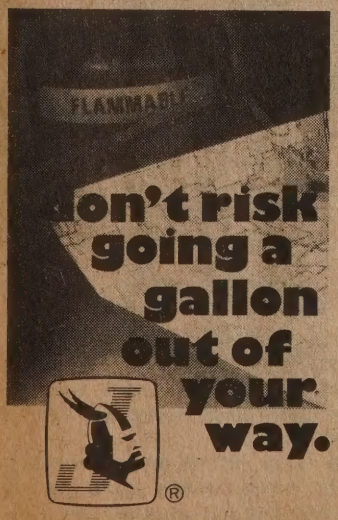
A little while back, I talked about getting casting distance and I didn't explain why. Casting distance is considered to be absolutely essential by most regulars. They want to reach the outside bar or get as close to it as they can. Then too, if one is lucky enough to find a cut in the bar it wouldn't hurt to drown that eel right on the doorstep of the cut.

Although big bass will frequently move right into the wash, more fish will hang out near the outside bar.

The big stick and long casts come in handy when trying to keep the line out of the breaking surf. To facilitate this you can use a very long sand spike. If the line is tugged on in the wash the sinker will gradually swing down the beach and up close to shore, and there is a much greater chance of collecting weed this way. Long casts help and you can appreciate this better if you remember your geometry.

Next week: How to hook eels; how to set the hook; how to fight fish; where to land fish and where to fish.

An easy way to keep your eels fresh and transport them. Place a layer of ice cubes in the bottom of a plastic pail. Lay a couple of rags over the ice. Place eels on the rags and cover with another rag. Eels will be chilled and easier to handle.



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Sinker Bouncing

with Matt Ahern

BLACKFISHING Part II

Now let's get down to the nitty-gritty of blackfishing.

First, you've got to find your blackfish, which isn't difficult. Of course, if your blackfishing is expected to be done aboard party boats, you have no problem at all; but if you are on your own, just remember nature has equipped blackfish to live around obstruction littered bottom. This includes sunken wrecks as well as rock-strewn areas, and here a chart of the area you intend fishing is invaluable. Breakwaters and rock jetties harbor their share of blacks, as do the waters surrounding decayed piers and wharves. In short, any area that has remained under water long enough to become festooned with barnacles and mussels can be considered prime blackfish territory.

Remember too, that blackfish like the deepest water available in these places. I wouldn't expect to make a killing in water less than ten feet deep. Especially is this so should a sudden cold snap come along several days before you plan fishing. If this happens, look for them elsewhere, preferably on the offshore banks and wrecks. Without question, blackfish are rugged fish, but one thing they cannot cope with is extreme fluctuations in water temperature. The first signaling of an expected chill sends them packing to deeper areas in search of more suitable conditions. Keep this in mind. It may save a fruitless trip some day.

Medium weight spinning gear is okay for the inshore areas, but if your plans include party boat fishing in the deeper offshore waters, be sure to use conventional gear. The rod should be stiff enough to sink the hook in water that may be sixty or more feet in depth, but don't overdo and bring codfishing tackle. A medium-weight outfit will do nicely. Fill a matching reel with at least 100 yards of twenty pound monofilament. A smoothly operating drag will make fishing much easier.

Sinkers are no problem. When fishing inshore you may need only a two-ounce bank sinker to get by, but for offshore fishing where currents are stronger, eight or more ounces may be necessary. It is important that sinker weight be adequate; blackfish, especially big ones, are suspicious of unnatural movement and will usually shy away from a bait in motion. But by the same token don't go overboard on sinker weight—you will only cut down on your sport, if you do.

As with all bottom fishing, rigging is no problem. Especially does this apply when blackfishing. As noted before, blackfishing is best over obstruction littered bottoms, which means snagging is common and the mortality rate on terminal tackle can be high—especially when wreck fishing. Therefore, anything you do to save terminal tackle is to your benefit.

One way of doing this is to use no hardware whatsoever when making up your rig. Tie your own hooks directly to the main line, using either a dropper loop, or a two inch loop made with a double-overhand knot. As sinkers are more apt to become fouled then hooks, you can save part of your terminal tackle by placing the sinker on the line with a piece of weak twine. Better to sacrifice one part of your tackle than the whole rigging.

Some fishermen, probably long forgotten, recognized the fact that the pursuit of blackfish called for specialized methods; so he used his head and designed a suitable hook for the fishing. I doff my fishing cap to this unknown gentleman; and so should every dedicated blackfisherman, for he certainly came up with the perfect hook for old chisel-tooth.

This hollow-point hook is extra-strong, short biting, with an offset barb and point that practically anchors itself inside the black's small mouth with minimum effort. Known along the entire northeast coast as the Virginia hook, it is the one to use at all times. Needed sizes vary according to where the fishing is done. A number six will fill the bill nicely for inshore waters, and a number four or five for offshore is about right. It isn't necessary to use anything larger unless you know where outsize blacks are common; if so, I would use a number two. If Virginia hooks are unobtainable, Sproat, Claw or Beak styles in appropriate sizes are good substitutes.

Two hooks tied tandem style and placed just above the sinker can be used, providing the obstructions aren't too sticky in your fishing area, otherwise, one hook tied in about two inches over the sinker will produce fish with less strain or pain.

Anything that has or has had a shell around it makes good blackfish bait. Green crabs, china-back fiddlers, blue claws, calico or lady crabs (known as the common sand crab) are all good baits in the fall. Hermit crabs are best of all, but are expensive and always hard to come by. All hard-shelled crabs except the fiddler should be prepared as mentioned in part one. Depending on size, you should get two to four pieces from each crab. Fiddlers should be used whole by removing the large claw if it is a male and inserting the hook into the body. Whether you allow the point to protrude as when using crab pieces is up to you. It's not too important with these smaller crabs.

Blackfish are cautious. They approach a bait warily, nip at it a few times with their front teeth, and if all seems well, will pass it back to a second set of teeth located near the throat. These are known as the crushers. These are the teeth that masticate the victim's hard shell. When this happens, the hook is felt, and it is at this precise moment when you will be rewarded for your patience with an unmistakeable strong yank. Now is the time to set the hook—hard! Heavy handed methods are needed to start the fish away from the sanctuary of the many obstructions, obstructions to which the fish will inevitably use its strength and power to reach. If the fish is truly large, you may literally have to use brute force to accomplish this. Once this crucial moment is passed, the fish is yours, as seldom does a hook pull free from the tough jaws. Be prepared for a merry time and remember to net all large blacks. Many are lost at boatside when the frenzied fish parts the line.

Because blackfish live under conditions not conducive to heavy commercial fishing, they are quite plentiful. I have caught blackfish from the following areas in the New York Bight: Seventeen Fathom Bank; inshore and offshore Sea Bright; the Subway Grounds south of Ambrose Tower; the Ambrose Light Ridge; Cholera Banks; the Iberia Wreck off Long Branch; the Howard Wreck off Jones Beach (very good in early October); the Stone Barge; the C.O.D. Wreck; the Joe Wreck; The Steel Wreck; and the Coal Wreck. These are but a few of the grounds known to harbor outsized blackfish. Party boats from Montauk enjoy excellent blackfishing, and this is a good area to try.

Those Long Island and Connecticut fishermen having ready access to the fertile blackfishing grounds of Long

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The Long Island FISHERMAN's

SKILLFUL ANGLING AWARD ☆

MINIMUM WEIGHTS FOR SPECIES

The minimum acceptance weights for anglers to receive a Skillful Angling Award and patch are:

FLOUNDER	2	STRIPED BASS	25
FLUKE	6	BLUEFISH	10
PORGY	3	WEAKFISH	7
BLACKFISH	6	POLLACK	18
COD	25	SEA BASS	3

Here's how the program works. When you catch a fish that you think may weigh more than the minimum requirement for that species (see the inset), take it to one of the weigh-stations listed below to have it officially weighed-in. If it meets the requirements, a post card will be filled out and signed by the proprietor and given to you to mail to The Fisherman. When we recieve the card and it is verified, a "Skillful Angling Award" certificate will be made out with the information from the card and sent with the patch directly to you from the offices of the Fisherman. That's it!

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Promised Land Fishing Station

AMITYVILLE
George Comb's Bait & Tackle
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Charlie's Bait & Tackle
Duke's Bait & Tackle

LYNBROOK
Beckman's Tackle

MASSAPEQUA
Massapequa Tackle & Sports

MONTAUK
Cove Marina
Star Island Yacht Club

MILLER PLACE
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E. MORICHES
Silly Lily Fishing Station
Tadsen's Fishing Station

NEW SUFFOLK
Capt. Marty's Fishing Station

NORTHPORT
Bowman's Sporting Goods

OAK BEACH
The Store

PT. LOOKOUT
Ed's Fishing Station
Eddie's Marine
Jim's Tackle Haven
Long Island Sea Clam
Scotty's Marina

PORT WASHINGTON
Manhasset Bay Sportsman Club

ROCKY POINT
Nick's Bait & Tackle
Rocky Pt. Fishing Stop

FAR ROCKAWAY
Eddie's Marine

SAG HARBOR
Noyac Marina

SAYVILLE
American Sportsman Shop

SELDEN
ANGLER'S Den

SEAFORD
Salice Boat Basin

SOUTHOLD
Port of Egypt Fishing Station

STATEN ISLAND
Santo's Sport Shop

WEST SAYVILLE
South Bay Fishing Station

ASK THE CAPTAIN

OPINIONS & ANSWERS

by Capt. Ronnie Lepper

Question: Stephen Cone, New Rochelle
From previous issues of the Long Island Fisherman I understand that you will soon be publishing a book about Striped Bass fishing. Since I am looking forward to purchasing a copy I wonder if you would mind advising me about when it will be available and whether or not it will be offered for sale by The Fisherman.

I appreciate your interest in my upcoming book but find it next to impossible to predict a date for publication. I try my best to channel all of my spare time into finishing the book, but have so little time to spare. In two years we have completed approximately 50 percent of the book, hopefully the balance will be finished in a shorter period of time. One of the reasons for the book taking so long to finish is it's total completeness as I did not want to come out with just another book on striped bass with the same tired information. When complete this book will be the most up to date book in its class, totally thorough to the smallest point. If you are a serious bass fisherman the book is well worth waiting for. We have not decided on a publisher as of yet but would surely give The Fisherman first crack at it.

Question: Irene E. Stein, 223 E. Fifth St, New York, NY 10003.
In answer to inquiry by Bob Stekel, Little Neck in LIF issue 33 September 2nd, '76 regarding the launching, transporting and loading of his 14 foot inflatable Zodiac:

I own a 12½ foot Zodiac Master/Skipper inflatable powered by a 7½ h.p. Mercury. I put the engine, gas tank and gear in the trunk of my Valiant, the boat package and floorboard package in the rear seat along with the very useful launching wheels and go to any public launching area. The setting-up and breakdown is considerable work, but living in the city and my love for boating and fishing, this inconvenience is forgotten when you don't have the dockage fees and maintanance costs that a rigid hull entails.

I would welcome an opportunity to be in touch with Bob to further discuss the Zodiac. I may be reached at the above address and am looking forward to hearing from him.

I want to thank you for your interest in Bob's problem. I really appreciate your information.

Question: Dan Body, Valley Stream.
I have been fishing wire line for a good many years with good success but age is beginning to take it's toll. At 61 years I find reeling in 300 feet of wire a tough job, especially with a fish at the other end. I know that you can fish shorter lines by using lead drails to get the same depth. My problem is not knowing how heavy a drail to use with the proper length of wire to go as deep as straight wire. I have always used the 100 ft. of wire for every 10 feet of depth scale and have found it adequate. Is it possible for you to give me some sort of scale for wire line using drails. Most of my fishing is done with 300 feet of wire.

The following scale is an approximation but close enough. I use it successfully myself. The only deviation being when trolling deep running plugs. When doing so, you must use about 15 feet less wire then the scale shows. All other lures are pretty close.

This scale is using 300 feet of .025 solid monel wire. All measurements are to hit the bottom.

Scale Using 300 Ft. of Solid Monel Wire
(All measurements are to HIT the bottom

NO DRAILS —
25 Ft. Water — 235 Ft. of Wire
30 Ft. Water — 290 Ft. of Wire
35 Ft. Water — 300' Wire + 50 Ft. Backing

4 Oz. DRAIL
25 Ft. Water — 190 Ft. of Wire
30 Ft. Water — 245 Ft. of Wire
35 Ft. Water — 300' Wire, 10' Backing

6 Oz. DRAIL
25 Ft. Water — 180 Ft. of Wire
30 Ft. Water — 235 Ft. of Wire
35 Ft. Water — 300' Wire, 2 turns on reel

8 Oz. DRAIL
25 Ft. of Water — 150' of Wire
30 Ft. of Water — 220' of Wire
35 Ft. of Water — 275' Wire marker on reel

You can always go to 10-12 or 16 oz. drails to shorten wire proportionately.

Question: Jon Rothfield, Oceanside
I've been fishing for better than 10 years on the south shore of Long Island. I always enjoy flounder fishing especially after the long cold winter of New York. What I don't appreciate is the steady price increase we fishermen have had to pay for worms.

I've tried other baits, but have found that the blood or sand worm to be the best. Recently, someone asked me about breeding our own, at least enough to catch the first round bonanza of the spring. I inquired on how to go about it but to no avail.

I would appreciate it if you could give me any helpful info on how to breed these beaitiful creatures. I it can be done, I believe many of my fishing friends would greatly appreciate your help.

I can sympathize with your way of thinking as many people have the same complaint. The price of worms today have caused more than a few fishermen to seek other baits. Although I have no experience growing worms, there are many people who do. Following are a few distributors you might try. F... Literature can be obtained from:

Seymour Farms, Bronwood Geor... 31726. "Topic, Raising fishworms." Also "Raising Worms for profit" b... Shield Publications, Box 472-D, Elgin, Ill. 60120. Cost of this publication is $2.50 postpaid.

I you are successful in your search let us know as there are many readers who feel the same way as you do.

Question: George Sullivan, Bethpage
I'be often read and heard about a rip somewhere off Lido Beach where big bass are caught regularly. Does this rip really exist, and if so, how do I find it as every time I troll in that area I see nothing. I often see boats trolling there, but see no pattern to their trolling.

First of all there is a rip off Lido Beach and a very productive one at that. The rip is located in approximately 25 to 35 feet of water almost due south of the Lido Beach Hotel. It seems to move back and forth approximately ¼ of a mile in either way, east and west. The only time you can actually see the rip is during hard outgoing water and only if the sea is relatively flat. I can usually feel the rip when I'm in it more than seeing it. I've had quite a bit of success fishing this area, but only on outgoing water. This rip is actually a spill off the west bar which lies just west of Jones Inlet. The fish seem to lie in the deeper water of the rip waiting for the bait to wash over the bar. A word of advice would be to be careful not to go too far east as you will wind up high and dry on the west bar which claims its share of boats and lives.

FISHY NEWS ITEMS

BY FRED GUARDINEER

FRESHWATER FISH KILLED BY POLLUTION HAVE HAD A VALUE PLACED ON THEM BY THE AMERICAN FISHERY SOCIETY SO THAT FINES CAN BE ESTIMATED FROM THE GOING PRICES AT FISH HATCHERIES - SUCH AS:

MUSKELLUNGE ... $.85 TO ONE INCH AND $11.40 PER LB. FROM 14 INCHES & UP.

STURGEON ... $57.00 PER POUND AT ANY SIZE.

GARFISH ... $.29 PER LB. OVER 16 INCHES.

BAITFISH ... $30.20 PER 1000 FISH.

MUSKIES GO TO 100 LBS.

BASS COSTS ARE $3.99 FOR A 12-INCH SMALLMOUTH AND $2.85 FOR A 12-INCH LARGEMOUTH.

FRESHWATER SNOOK

ARE A POSSIBILITY IN FLORIDA AS EXPERIMENTAL SALTWATER SNOOK ARE DOING WELL IN FRESHWATER PONDS AND THERMAL RESEVOIRS WHERE THE TEMPERATURE STAYS ABOVE 60° F. AVERAGE 5 LBS. GROW OVER 50 LBS.

HUMPBACK WHALE 40 TO 50 FT. & 30 TO 45 TONS. 90% TAKEN BY JAPAN & U.S.S.R.

WHALES ONCE NUMBERED 4,400,000 BUT ARE NOW DOWN TO A FEW HUNDRED THOUSAND. ONE WHALE IS KILLED EVERY 17 MINUTES SOMEWHERE IN THE WORLD.

SUCKERS GROW TO 2 FT. AVERAGE 1 LB.

SUCKER LOSES TO TROUT. ALTHOUGH THE BROOK TROUT BECAME THE OFFICIAL NEW YORK STATE FISH, IT HAD COMPETITION FROM THE COMMON SUCKER NOMINATED BY ASSEMBLYMAN JAMES F. HURLY WHO COMPARED IT TO THE AVERAGE VOTER, SAYING, "THIS FISH WILL SWALLOW ALMOST ANYTHING PRESENTED TO IT!"

THE RED AND WHITE SPOON HAS CAUGHT MORE FRESH AND SALT-WATER FISH THAN ANY OTHER LURE. DON'T BE WITHOUT ONE!

The Worm That Turned

Part II

by Dick Mermon

Using this type of lead head, I cast the plastic worm rig out and retrieve it at a steady pace. The faster the recovery of the lure, the quicker the action of the tail sway, resembling a worm swimming through the water. Each cast, I permit the lead head to carry the worm a little deeper into the depths. Even on occasions I let the rig descend to the bottom and twitch retrieve the worm.

There are times when a weedless worm is needed. At this time I rig for what is called "Texas Style" worming. That is, the worm itself will not pick up weeds by an exposed hook imbedded within it. In fact the hook point does not protrude from the body of the lure at all, but is imbedded into it slightly. The point and barb of the hook are encased in the soft plastic to prevent any snags. As one would guess, the system gained its name as well as fame from the largemouth fishing fans in the state of Texas.

Here again I find that the method of rigging is the same as if being fashioned for fresh water. Line from the rod and reel passes through the center of a weight similar in shape to a bullet. If this particular shaped weight is unavailable, I switch to a egg or run-on sinker (a lead weight shaped like an egg with a hole through the center.) Once the line is through the center hole of the weight, I allow it to slide freely up the line and fasten a long shank hook to the line's end. The point of the attached hook is placed into the tip of the worm, pressed inward and then completely out again, about one quarter inch down in the body. I then slide the worm up onto the eye of the hook, turn it upside down so the hook's point is touching the plastic worm body. This point and barb is then pushed into the worm once again. It is here that I make sure no part of the hook point is extended out the other side of the plastic worm.

The worm itself is almost snag proof, but the bullet weight may become wedged in some obstacle along the bottom. There is no one hundred percent weedless, snagless rig. Even floating weeds will collect on the line, slide down, come to rest at the head of the lure. The only possible solution is to create a diversion on the line to prevent the weeds from covering the lure itself. Here I separate the worm rig with a swivel. About ten to twelve inches from the worm I attach a small swivel. The line from reel is attached to this swivel also. Casting this set up into a weedy area, the swivel stops the grass from engulfing the lure. If I should feel any weeds on the line, a slight twitch of the rod tip, several times will shake them free.

Three school size stripers and a winter flounder took a six inch plastic worm. The surf rigged worm should have a stinger hook in it, for it is the sight of the imitation rather than the smell which attracts the fish. These fish are picky eaters and grab the tail section for feel of the plastic prey.

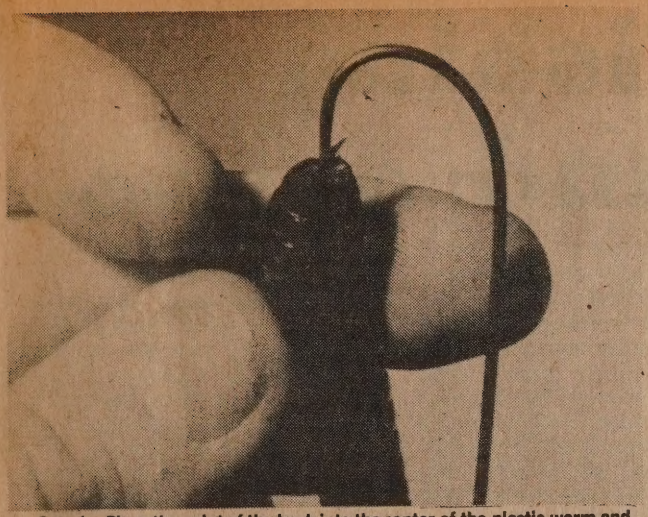
Texas style rigged plastic worms may either be fished along the bottom or cast and retrieved. An extra long shank hook could be used as a mid-body hook-up also with this method. This is simply done by not bringing the point of the hook directly out of the tip of the worm but passing through the center of the worm's body, over the eye and along the attached line for about two inches. Now the point is brought out of the body, and the hook shank almost completely out. The point of the hook is turned inward and its point is placed back into the body section. In this manner the hook acts as a secondary system for short striking fish.

A free floating plastic worm is one which has no weight attached to the line, only a single or tandem double hook. It is either rigged weedless (Texas style), or with the point and barb exposed.

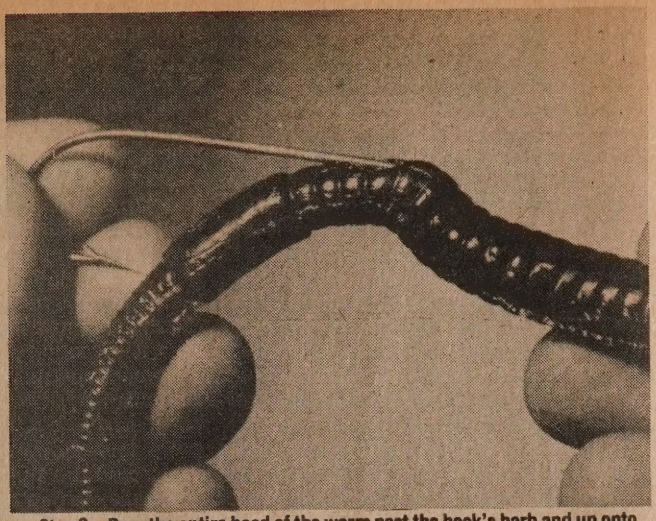
I have found that this arrangement is best fished for the shallow or near surface feeding class fish. In this system I cast the worm, weighted only by the placement of the hook through its head section, as far as possible and allow it to slowly settle. The method is to be used in calm or very slow moving water. As the worm settles, I retrieve it with slight twitches permitting it to drop back on each movement. For the fisherman who is a "cast and retrieve" method enthusiast, I would say to stay away from the free floating worm. For it is strictly a patient man's method, because of the retrieve of the worm involved.

Occasionally I have used a free floating worm where current has been present with success, especially when fish are feeding slightly under the surface, chasing baitfish. It seems that even though small fish are the prey of the time, many salt water species will attack a helpless sea worm. I simply cast the unweighted worm up current as far as possible and free-spool the line out after the cast, letting the worm drift along naturally. The worm is influenced a little by the twitching of my rod tip. Each time the rod is moved a little I feed out more line. This grants the lure freedom of dropping back into new areas a little at a time.

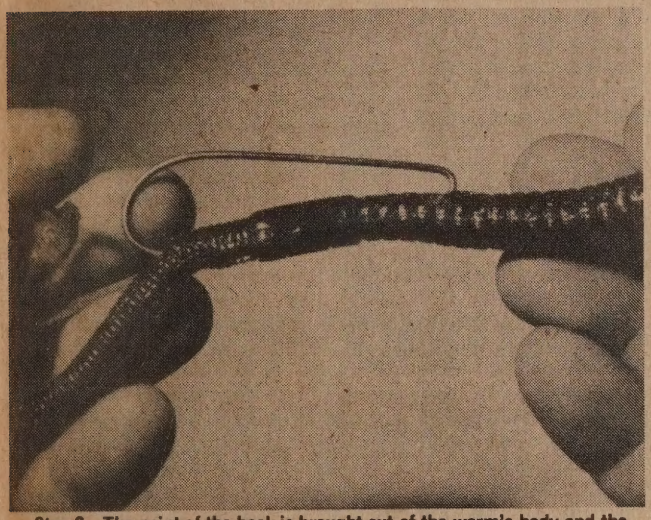
Salt water fish do not take a plastic worm as the largemouth bass do. Instead, they attack the long plastic lure from the direction it is moving, or head first. There are times when I need the assistance of a tail stinger hook to capture the short strikers such as bluefish, spanish mackerel, kingfish and barracuda. These are the toothy critters of the sea. One bite on the soft plastic lure and it is cut in two. Fish with teeth of their type are chopping feeders and attack the prey from the rear. These are Mother Nature's "eating machines" and they know once the tail section is gone the head part will stay around. Therefore I attach a small piece (about four inches in length) of thin wire to the eye of the lure's weight head or head hook and a number one hook to the free end. The tail hook is placed into the body section of the attached worm as far back as the wire's length. Now when one of these toothy species attacks my plastic worm, all I do is set the hook immediately. The



Setp 1...Place the point of the hook into the center of the plastic worm and slide it up onto the shank.



Step 2...Pass the entire head of the worm past the hook's barb and up onto the shank until the point reaches about one inch from the collar.



Step 3...The point of the hook is brought out of the worm's body and the entire length of the hook is drawn outside the worm, to the bend near the eye.

Step 4...The point and barb of the hook is placed back into the worm's body. The point is imbedded just deep enough to hold it in place on the hook. The worm's body should be kept straight at this point, for a kinked body will make the worm spin.

lure may be lost but the fish will be hooked.

For this reason I carry a large supply of plastic worms at all times. They do become casualties in this sport but are not at all expensive. Each time I have a worm cut or chewed, it is replaced by a fresh one. The stubs are saved for other rigs or I melt them together and create original fashions at home.

Plastic worm coloration plays an important role within the freshwater neighborhood, but in salt water it seems to have little significance. These salty predator species attack any color which is presented to them. However, I have found it to be that best colors are red, purple, black, and yellow in that same order.

As for smell or scent of the artificial worm, there is only one plastic worm manufactured which camouflages the composition aroma. It is Mann's Jelly worm. Actually, they turn me on first and then the finny ones. Scenting the soft plastic shoe lace lures for use in salt water is about ten percent of importance in catching the species within. Action, color and then smell is the determining agents, in that rotation.

With all the advertising, loose talk and modes of presenting the worm lure, it nevertheless has not been fully acceptable in salt water fishing by its participants. Only a small number of anglers recognize the deadliness to entice striped bass, bluefish, weakfish (sea trout), summer flounder, bonefish, permit, tarpon, amberjack, tuna, albacore and even sharks. In fact, the imitation worm will attract and catch almost every species of fish that swims. It looks, feels and acts like some type of authentic bit of food.

The perplexing feat in most sports is not the skill involved, but the change which comes from progress and to accept it by trying the new method over the old. All fishermen want to catch fish and be the most successful one in the sport. Most of them stay with the tried and true systems and lures. But it is the experimenting clan which blazes the trail for the others. Generally, these fishermen guard a new lure or method with utmost secrecy until caught in the act, with the evidence.

A circumstance to remember is that almost all fish forage on some sort of sea worms. Even when it is not the primary food available, fish will attack a worm, for they are easy prey. Soft plastic worms are lures which originated in salt water, switched to the fresh and is now being rejuvinated again, back where it belongs. It is a worm that has turned.

Late Fall Fishing In The Sound

by Bill Waller

I called up my friend Artie one day last fall. "Let's go fishing tommorrow," I said. "Let's try the Sound."

"What! Are you crazy?" he replied. "It's forty five degrees outside."

"Put on some warm clothes," I said. "You're in for some great fishing."

Artie took my word for it and thereby learned that the guy who stows his tackle away and calls it the end of the year at the first sign of cold weather is missing a lot of good fishing. Sure, the blues, stripers and other gamefish may have left our waters for more hospitable climes—but this does not mean that the season is over. As a matter of fact, some of the best fishing of the year comes to Long Island Sound in the fall.

There is good blackfishing in the Sound in May and June, it is true, but then there is a lull. Some blacks are caught during the summer but usually they are on the small side. Blackfishing picks up in September, though, and October and most of November are the best months of the year for catching big blacks in the Sound. When the water temperature starts falling, the larger blackfish make their appearance. By the time the water temperature falls to about 55 degrees, blackfish find things much to their liking.

During this period party boats advertise "Blackfish Special," and this is no idle boast. On a good day boat fishermen can take 10 to 30 (or more) nice blackfish, sizes ranging from three pounds to twelve and better. In fact, veteran anglers throw the smaller fish back at this time of the year.

Along about the first or second week of October party boats and small boats head for the reefs where blackfish now are found in abundance. Two popular reefs, the Stamford Reef and the Norwalk Reef, always produce big fish. On these reefs you will find the City Island party boats "Apache", "Ebb Tide", and "North Star"; the Bronx River boats "Claire," and "Bronx Queen"; the "Klondike" out of New Rochelle, the "Del Mar" from Greenwich, and the "Lucky Star" from Norwalk. Near the party boats will be small boat fishermen who wisely have not yet put their boats in storage. All are sure to be rewarded with outstanding blackfishing.

When you fish on a reef be sure to leave your spinning tackle home. Tides often are very strong and you must cope with an exceptionally rocky bottom. A strong boat rod between six and seven feet and a standard reel loaded with twenty five or thirty pound test monofilament is suitable tackle at this time. Five or six ounce bank sinkers (and sometimes heavier) are used. The hook always is the Virginia pattern, commonly called blackfish hook, and the size used generally is no. 5 or 6. The hooks are tied in tandem fashion, and fastened just above the sinker directly to the line without a swivel of any kind. Because of the rocky nature of the bottom and often strong tide you can expect to lose lots of rigs when fishing the reefs. To save time, it's a good idea to tie up a half dozen tandem rigs before going blackfishing, and put them in your kit. That way you don't have to stop and tie up rigs when you get snagged and lose your terminal gear.

Party boats carry fiddler crabs, which is the most commonly used bait at this time of the year, but some fishermen use green crabs. These are cut into rather large chunks, shell and all, and often hook the biggest fish.

Blackfish, like their cousins the bergals, are great bait stealers. They have two sets of teeth. In front are their Bugs Bunny like buck teeth with which they nibble at the bait. If you strike at that first nibble, you will usually miss. The trick is to wait until the black passes the bait back to the grinding teeth in the rear of his mouth and tugs hard. If you hit him fast then you'll hook him and be in for a good fight. He'll head with terrific power for the bottom and try to snag you on the nearest rock unless you stop him with steady rod pressure. When you do get him to the top, if it's a big blackfish you'll yell "Net!" if you are on a party boat. An obliging mate will rush over and lift your fish up in the net every party boat carries.

The party boats sail every day usually up to just before Thanksgiving. In former years, when whiting were plentiful late in November and in December, the boats would go out day and night right up until New Year. But in recent years, some blame it on the return of the blues to the Sound in summertime, whiting have been present in such small numbers, if at all, that the party boats have not gone out for them although small boat and land based fishermen may give them a try. There were years when the whiting fishing was excellent, though, and in addition, there were big ling, large dogfish (sand sharks) and hacklehead (sculpin) which kept hardy fishermen going out on the boats in really freezing weather. But—who knows? Maybe these fish will return just as have the blues and weakfish after a long absence. Only time will tell.

Meanwhile, if you want a change from catching blackfish, there is fine fun fishing from shore and small boats for other species. Starting in September, whenever the water turns cold, flounder fishing picks up. Although some flounders are caught in the Sound all summer long, most of them are pretty small. But in the fall, good sized flounders are to be found all over the Sound. You'll find flounder fishing tops in October and November. Boat liveries usually stay open until about the middle of November. One, the Playland Pier at Rye, even stays open until December.

When you fish for flounders light tackle is the ticket. If you fish from a pier or the shore you will find that you'll have the most fun if you use a light squidding rod or spinning rod. If it's a standard rod, a matching reel loaded with 15 to 20 pound test mono is ideal; if you use a light spinning rod, the reel may be loaded with twelve or fifteen pound test line. If you're in a small boat, you're equipment can be smaller and lighter, of course. A five or six foot rod with a small reel loaded with lighter line will afford maximum fun.

KEEP YOUR BOAT **FREE**
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Tomcod put up a good fight against light tackle. When they're around you'll get a hundred bites an hour. They're great nibblers. When fishing for flounders as soon as you feel tommycod bite it's a good idea to switch your hooks. Although you can catch them on flounder hooks, you'll catch many more by using Eagle Claw No. 8 or Carlisle or Sproat #7 or 8 hooks, one tied near the sinker and another a leader-length above. You can bait up with blood or sandworms but tommycod seem to prefer sandworms. Clams, mussels and shrimp also can be used for bait.

Tomcod bite best at night but can be taken during the day also. The colder it gets, and the closer to night fall, the better the fishing. You'll find them in the bays, as well as elsewhere in the Sound, in water 6 to 15 feet deep as a rule. Often you will find them close to patches of grass. Some good tomcod spots are off Rye, Little Neck Bay, Oyster Bay and Rodman's Neck and Hart Island off City Island.

Sometimes a bonus when fishing late in the fall is one of the smallest and lightest species found in our waters—the smelt. They are so small in fact, that they would hardly be worthwhile fishing for except that they are such good eating. They're usually netted but if you want to catch them on hook and line you can use the same hooks and baits for tomcod. To make it worthwhile add two to four hooks, each a leader's length away as soon as you've hooked a few smelt. These slim, silvery fish swim in huge schools. They're too small to put up a fight, but if it's food you want, you can easily catch enough for a fine meal. It's either a feast or a famine with smelt. If they show up, it will be a feast for dinner that night, you may be sure.

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THE FIRST NORTHEASTER

by Capt. Ron Onorato

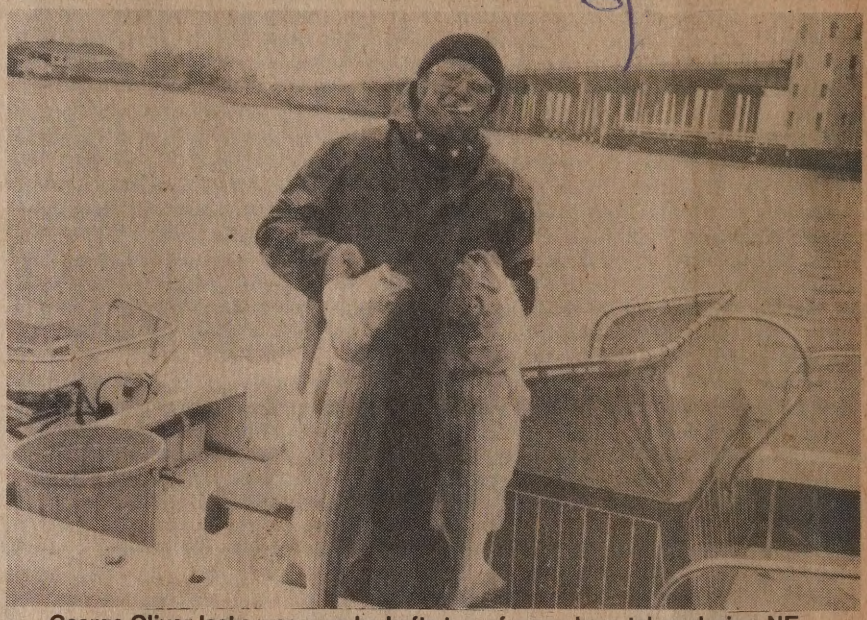
It was September 18th, 1972 and the day was about as dismal as you would want. The wind had been blowing out of the northeast for much of the previous night and showed no signs of abating during this, the first northeast storm of the fall. The rain, which was quite persistent, had the chill of the 40 degree air temperature that the storm had brought. For George Oliver and myself, this was the impetus that would hopefully get an otherwise quiet September rolling with some big bass.

Fortunately, we had timed the trip at the start of the ebb tide and conditions weren't as bad as they seemed. There was only a slight chop in Reynold's Channel as we headed for Deb's Inlet in search of some bunker. The bunker had been fairly numerous in the Channel for the past few weeks and getting a good supply was no real problem before the storm. What the cool winds and heavy rains would do to the school's we had no idea. Our queries were answered a short time later as we found a nice patch of bunkers flapping on the surface near Buoy 5 in Reynold's Channel. Despite the fact that the whistling wind blew us around in the Whaler like a kite, we had over 20 pieces in good shape before we started for the inlet.

We had fished the jetties off Rockaway before with a stiff northeast wind and had found that almost all wave action is flattened out close to the surf line. The drift was very fast, but the wind always blew the boat offshore, the most favorable way of fishing these jetties.

Our first stop was at some old wooden panels near the mouth of Deb's Inlet. Incidentally, nearly all the jetties and panels mentioned are no longer fishable, as the erosion control project by the Army Corps of Engineers, has completely filled in these areas with sand, and in some cases, the entire jetty has been covered with sand. However, that's another story. As we approached the first set of wooden panels, we were greeted by a sight that stood us on our heads. Here, in an area where only the day before the storm had gotten not so much as a hit, was a pod of twenty pound bass slashing away at a school of mullet and bunkers in about 5 feet of water.

Needless to say, we were awestruck and dumbfounded. Confusion reigned as we stumbled and fumbled to get our bunkers in the water. We finally settled down and got a couple of baits in the wash. It was unbelievable, we hadn't even had a chance to get some of the slack out of the line when both baits were taken by hungry bass. We drifted like the dickens offshore with the fish and both were landed, nice 15 pound fish, one of which had a still live mullet in it's throat.



George Oliver looks weary as he hefts two of many bass taken during NE storm.

We tied on new trebles and went back to work. A second pass resulted in a 26 pound fish and two lost bunkers. By the time we were ready for a third pass, the school had taken off. We made several more passes with the baits at each of the wooden panels without any results so we headed down the beach to some long stone jetties. It was here that we encountered a school of bass that made the first one look sick. Right off the tip of the jetty bass after bass exploded on the surface ripping into a patch of bunkers that made bluefish look like goldfish.

Right back into the action with two hook ups of teen size fish on the first pass. From that point on it was either a hook up, lost fish, or runoff until we used all the bunkers. The fish were still up after we had gone through the bait, so we went to work at them with big blue Danny plugs. We grabbed two more fish on the plugs before the school took off. We ran up the beach as far as the Breezy Point jetty hoping to find the fish again, but as the weather intensified, we called it quits. The final tally showed 18 bass from 14 to 31 pounds, with most of them around 20 pounds.

We were the only boat that made it out of Deb's Inlet that day we had thought, but later found out another boat guessed right and scored heavily with the fish. Once back home I made some phone calls, and was quite surprised at what I heard. It seems up and down the Island big scores were made by a handful of fishermen both from the surf and boat. Out at Cedar Beach two surfcasters took something like 30 good fish. Even Montauk Point was quite productive from the surf that particular day and evening. The winds stayed northeast for much of that night, but around dawn went to the northwest heavy. Word of the slaughters had leaked out and everyone was ready for the assault the next day. The only thing was that there was no assault. The fish clammed up and only one or two fish came out of the Rockaways that day. The northwest wind blew for another day and the water became cloudy. Gradually the weather straightened out and followed it's normal pattern. There were some more storms, and some good days of fishing, but nothing equalling the proportions of that day, a day for a handful of

fishermen that they will never forget.

Since that day in September 1972 I have kept an eye to the weather hoping to repeat the action on that first storm. Somehow, due to work schedules and other obligations, I haven't timed it right. We'll try again this fall.

What is it about that first strong northeaster that triggers the fish into their wild feeding frenzies has been the subject of much discussion. The first thing that should be realized is that the fish concerned are local resident fish that have spent the summer in the area, but have fed very little, and are not the migrators which appear later on in October.

The type of storm that occurs is also quite important in triggering that heavy feeding binge. A light northeast wind with cooler air temperatures gets the mullet in the bay to realize that it's time to get going. However, it's usually that heavy northeast blow with rains and temperatures in the 40's that get things going good. This storm, the first of the fall, can occur any time during September.

The reason for such fast fishing during the first good storm, is that many times the mullet will leave the bays in masses all at once rather than filter out gradually and linger in the surf for awhile. The bass have been scrounging around the jetties and rocks for small crabs, blackfish and whatever else they can find as forage. The mullet are a welcome sight and they greet them eagerly. If you are there when the bass meet the mullet, you're in for something.

The fish do go on feeding forays during subsequent storms, but usually they are not of the intensity of the original one. Then again we have to look at the type of Autumn we have been having lately and try to figure out when exactly that first storm occurs. Last season for example, we had several days of light east-northeast winds around the end of September, but they never exceeded 20 mph and the temperatures never dipped below 50 degrees even during the night. This was about the only storm we had for the whole fall. We had some good fishing when it first started, but then petered out. From that point on, we were plagued by west and northwest winds and a very gradual filtration of fish moved out, and except for some fast fishing in early November, it was very disappointing.

Another interesting aspect of this type of fishing is that the best fishing occurs during the start of the storm or during the first day of the heavy winds and colder air temperatures. As the storm abates, the skies usually clear and the winds go back to the northwest. This will usually cloud the water and it takes several days to get back to somewhat clearer water.

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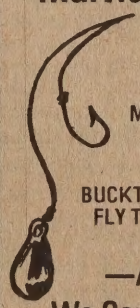

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Hopefully, this fall we will get back to the more "normal" type of weather and avoid the Indian Summers that make for nice fishing conditions, but poor fishing. Last winter was pretty cold, and the bays even froze over, and the weathermen are predicting a more cooler Autumn than the past previous few.

Plug fishing for these big fish is a very tough business with bait fishing usually holding the edge, but when the fish are on that heavy feed, big plugs that resemble either mullet or bunkers are the ticket. The big blue Atom 40 and the big Lupon Danny plugs, both of which are surface swimmers are about the best shot you will have. The time that the plugger has a good shot at the fish is really quite limited, and you may only get one shot for the whole autumn on them.

This fall, as I have been doing since this bass fishing business got me going, I will keep a weather eye for that first heavy northeaster and hope to get in on that once in a lifetime blitz again.

MONTAUK REPORT

by Scott Simons

The fall bass run at Montauk started early last week and is now on in full force. This weekend's full moon should see some of the best bass fishing in recent years, judging by the catches that have been made and the amount of fish in the area. There is not a large abundance of bluefish in the water, which makes the bass fishing that much easier. Best bets have been diamond jigging during the day around the Elbow and Great Eastern, trolling bucktails or umbrella rigs in the same area, trolling white or yellow plugs at night and live eeling is also producing excellent catches of fish. Bass, blues and weakfish are being taken from the surf all around the Light and down to Jones both day and night. Bluefishing has been excellent at Cartwright with herring fished on the bottom, and small blues in the 3 pound range were trolled in quantity in the North Rips on Sunday during the high winds. Codfishing has been fair at Coxes Ledge. The fluke have just about left, but there are still many in the area and one suspects that there are a few of the jumbo sized doormats still around waiting to be taken. Porgy fishing is fantastic around the Point with a large concentration of fish now off of Block Island. Sea bass are mixed in with the porgies, and large jumbos are being taken on all the high ground. Not much to report offshore as few boats have been sailing with such great inshore action available.

Captain Dick Vigilant of the **Triton II** reported that the bluefishing is still great at Cartwright with the herring bait. On Sunday over 100 of the monster blues were taken despite the north east winds and accompanying rough seas. Dick said that the bass fishing is off to a great start and it looks like an excellent fall run in the making.

Thomas Brock took this 14 lb. fluke aboard Capt. Fred Bird's "Flying Cloud". Subscriber Club Photo.

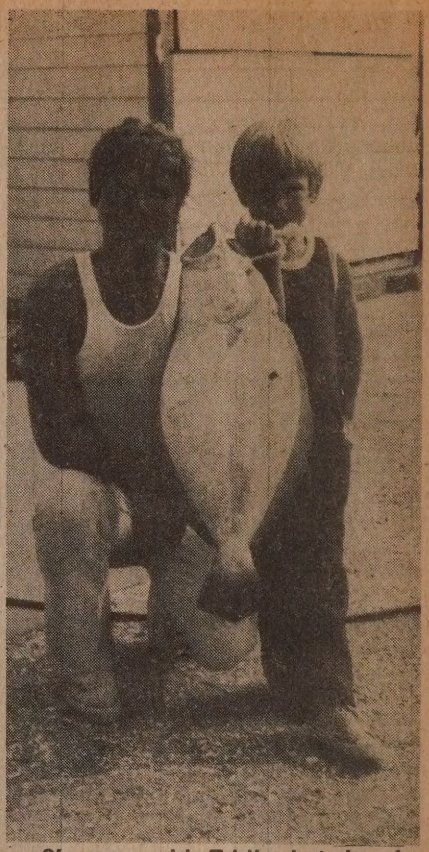
Captain Lester Behan of the **Peconic Queen III** reported that the bluefishing has been great at night fishing herring at the Cartwright Grounds. The blues are all real monsters, and now that the tourists are gone, the real fishermen are fishing with light crowds and loading up their bags. Codfishing has been fair, and lately you have had to move around to find them at either Coxes Ledge, Sharks Ledge, or around Block Island wrecks.

Captain Buddy Dorman of the **Viking Skipper II** told us that the porgy fishing is fantastic off Montauk and Block Island and there has been no let up in the action. Quite a few large sea bass are mixed in with the jumbo porgies.

Captain Richard Rade of the **Marlin III** reported that the porgy fishing has been tremendous with loads of jumbo humpback porgies. Catches are measured in a bag or two of fish with many large sea bass mixed in. Plenty fish around the Point, but best action has been around Block Island for both size and quantity.

Captain Art Munday of the **Darius II** called to report a very funny incident last week on a shark trip. Last Sunday a 165 lb. mako shark was taken and tied along side the boat. Several blue sharks were also taken and released. One blue of 180 pounds decided that the mako looked like something good to eat, and made several passes at the helpless fish hanging over the side and took a few bites out of it. The mate, Mike Keeys Sr. was getting quite upset, needless to say, and finally couldn't take it any more and on the blue shark's 3rd pass at the mako, Mike hit the fish with a flying gaff and held onto the half inch nylon line for his life. The gaff handle was lost, but Mike managed to hold on until a tail rope was put on. The captain said that he is mounting the jaws for a souvenir for Mike.

Frida at **Cove Marina** reported that the striped bass fishing has been fantastic from both the boat and beach, day and night. On Friday and Saturday night Ronnie Mardosa did fantastic surf casting in front of the Lighthouse, Scott's Hole and Jones. Weakfish, blues and striped bass are all being taken. During the day Hopkins were producing because they were about the only thing that could be cast into the high northeast winds. Captain Fritz Hubner of the **Mistress Too** has been doing great with the bass and blues. On Saturday he took 11 bass trolling. The "Abide" had 21 bass on Sunday that were taken casting bucktails into the beach. The "Surfcaster II" also loaded up on the bass and bluefish on Sunday despite the rough seas. Fluke fishing is just about finished, with few anglers going for them although there are still fish in the area. There was an unconfirmed report that Al Ristori scored big on Sunday night with a 50 lb. bass trolling plugs. Big bass are being taken at night on live eels and trolling big plugs around Shagwong, Can 3 off Jones and in the Pollack Rip.



Six year old Eddie Lotwis of Fairlawn, N.J., caught this 9 lb. fluke and won the pool while fishing with his parents on the Ranger III out of Montauk. Subscriber Club Photo.

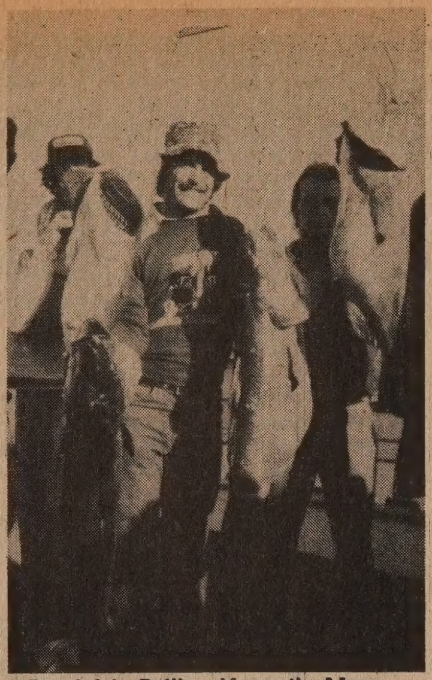
Henry "GF" Colombi of the **Star Island Yacht Club** reported that it looks like the fall bass run has begun, and as soon as the north winds subside there should be some great bass action from boat and surf. On Thursday afternoon Captain Dave McMahon's "Marie II" took 18 blues and 8 stripers to 30 pounds trolling bucktails and umbrella rigs. In Sunday's rough seas the charterboat "Bumble Bee" took 12 bluefish and 6 bass to 20 pounds trolling around Can 3 off Jones. Captain Fritz Benazzo on the "Salty" had 5 bass and 6 bluefish trolling. On Thursday evening Henry

took a ride with Captain Helmut Zimmerman on the "Sieglinde" and they trolled 23 big bluefish on plugs and jigging bucktails at Outer Shagwong. They also had 1 bass. Sunday morning the "Patricia Lee" took 4 bass to 16 pounds and 20 bluefish trolling bucktails. Walter on the "Blue Beard" trolled 6 bass Sunday night including a cow of 40 pounds 10 ounces. Virtually no one has been fishing offshore due to the recent high winds.

Captain Ron Grandinetti of the charterboat **Julie III** and a party of six led by Lou M. caught a mess of sea bass and 60 bluefish at the North Rips on Sunday squidding with diamond jigs.

Capt. Eddy Hegner on the charterboat **Webb** reported briefly to us on Friday that striped bass and monster blues are in very strong in local Montauk hotspots and now is the time to take advantage of this great fishing.

This past Thursday I had a good day at the Point. Fishing the last 1½ hours of the outgoing tide just inshore of Great Eastern Buoy, I took 6 bass from 12 to 15 pounds and 5 bluefish squidding with Ava-47 diamond jigs. Two fluke also couldn't resist the jigs, showing that there still must be quite a few left in the area. One private boat that was'nt having much luck came over to my boat as I was pulling in a bass and wanted to know what I was using. I told them an Ava jig and they said they were using Ava's also but weren't getting a touch. So I watched them for awhile and noticed that they were reeling much to slow. When squidding, you should be reeling as fast as possible for best results. After the tide slowed down the bass action died, so I stopped at the Elbow to make one drift to catch some Chinese food. The porgy fishing was so good I stuck it out for about an hour until the tide slacked, and managed 40 pounds of porgies and ten pounds of sea bass even though I only had squid for bait and was drifting.



Dominick Pollio, Kenneth Messerole and Wellard Ryder with their catch aboard the "Viking Star".

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SHINNECOCK

Captain Clark Bellows Jr. of the **Captain Clark Boats** reported that the blackfishing was good during the week on the local wrecks in Peconic Bay, but slowed down on the weekend because of the high northeast winds. The porgies have begun to move out of the bay. Sea bass fishing is still very good on the Shinnecock Fishing Reef outside, and one of the boats has been fishing there whenever the weather permits.

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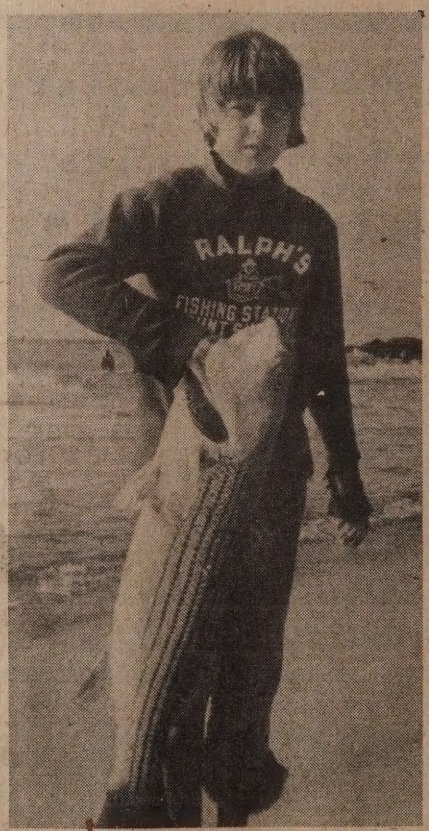
HAMPTON BAYS

Fran Muller of **Frank's Fishing Station** reported that the flounder are showing up very good around buoy 18 and at the head of Smith's Creek. Saturday was very good around these areas on any moving tide. Also some fish being taken in front of the Shinnecock Coast Guard Station. Worms for bait, corn for chum. The fluke are just about gone with no one fishing for them.

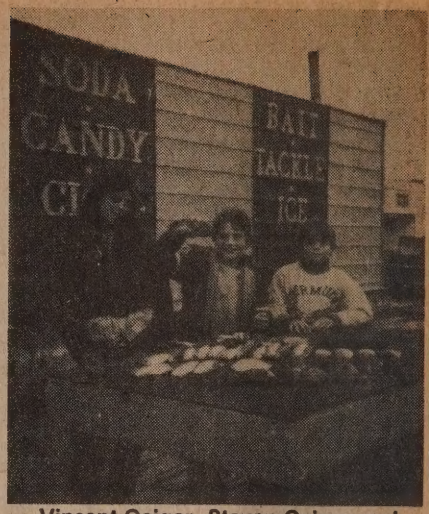
Jimmy at **Corr's Fishing Station** reports that the best bet for Shinnecock Bay fishing is the flounder. The poor weekend weather conditions kept many fishermen at home but the weekday flounder fishing was good in front of the Shinnecock C.G. Station and in the Basket area. Best bait is bloodworm with mussels for chum on any moving tide.

WEST SAYVILLE

South Bay Fishing Station reports a good variety of flounder, a few weaks, some fluke, lots of porgies and blow fish, king fish, snappers, blue claw crabs, eels and seabass, with the hottest area from buoy 28 to buoy 29 on worm, squid and clam, with clam working best.



Karl Kruse of Sound Beach with his first striper. The 18 pounder was taken from the surf at Shinnecock. Subscriber Club Photo.



Vincent Geiger, Steven Geiger and Louise Mancuso with their mixed catch of seabass, blowfish, flounder and porgies taken northeast of buoy 42. Photo courtesy of Seatuck Cove Fishing Station.

OAKDALE

Howie's Fishing Station informs us that Paul and Mark Dickson of Garden City had 2 dozen porgies, 18 seabass, 15 blowfish, one weak and one kingfish off buoy 3 on squid and clam, on the flood on Saturday. Buoys 4 and 5 are producing very good fall mixed bags. Porgies, weaks, blowfish and a few flounder are in abundence, taking squid and clam.

BAY SHORE

Smokey's Bait & Tackle tells of very good blackfishing on the Kismet reef with fiddlers and green crabs with slack water best. Blow fish are mixed in and there are still a few fluke around. Carl says lots of big weak fish being taken on live black fish from the reef to the lighthouse. Lots of 10 and 11 pounders weighed in this week. Schoolie bass are being taken on small bunker, blacks and eels. Some stripers at the Sore Thumb while Gilgo and Cedar are producing blues from the beach on live eels. Blue fish to the East offshore on the San Diego and Oregon in consistent numbers. Some albies and bonita in 80 feet of water. The winner in Smokey's fluke contest was a 10½ pounder taken by Jimmy Pigeon of Bay Shore. The prize was a tackle box full of tackle. Watch for Smoky's 1977 weak fish contest in the spring and his fluke contest.

CAPTREE

Captain George Tweedy of the **Capt. Scotty** told us that the fishing was good most of the week with the bluefish

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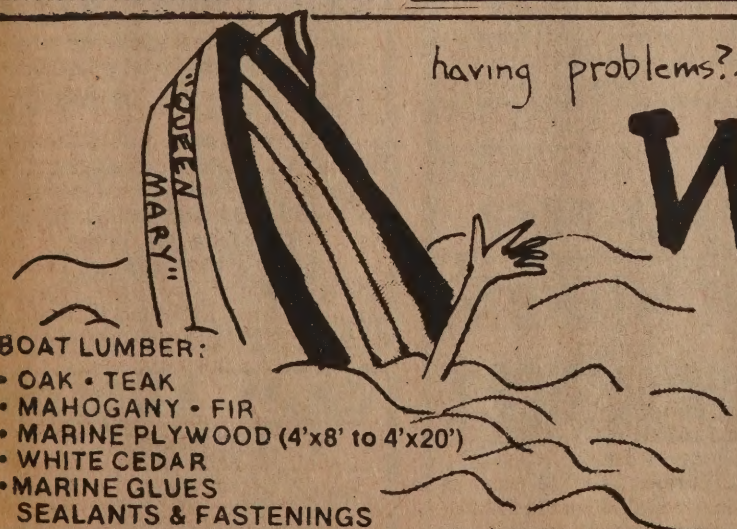

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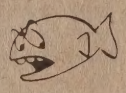

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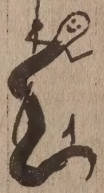

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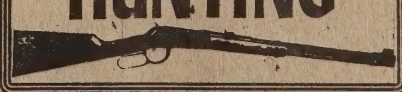

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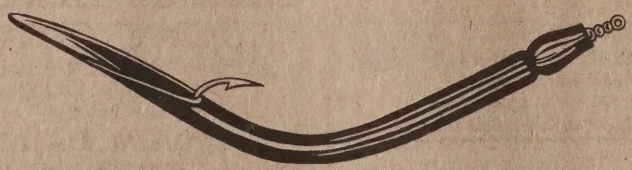
Captain Neil Delanoy of the charter-boat **Lady Ann** reported that the bay fishing has been excellent for porgies, sea bass and blackfish in the West Channel, Kismet Reef and local wrecks. Best bet for the blackfish has been Kismet Reef, and Saturday's fishing was best with over 600 blackfish for 29 men taken there. The blacks range in size from small to 8 pounds. The tide has not been critical to success, and best baits are the usual fiddler or green crabs.

Charter boat **Yankee** reports very good blackfish, porgy and seabass catches on the inside reef along with several other local pieces. Bob says the fish are bigger now than in the last few weeks.

OAK BEACH

Bill at **The Store** tells us that the fluking has slowed down in the inlet but their are some flounder now being caught on the North and South side of the store which will build in the next week or so. Blackfishing action is very good at the rock jettys, the kismet reef and off the sore thumb. Lots of king fish in along with the blacks. Striped bass slowed due to the weather over the weekend, but fish are hitting the beaches in good numbers falling to poppers and to live and chunk bait.

Bill Klempka of Deer park with two weakfish of 6 and 7 ½ lbs. taken at the Babylon Village Dock on live bunker. Photo courtesy of Augies Bait and Tackle.



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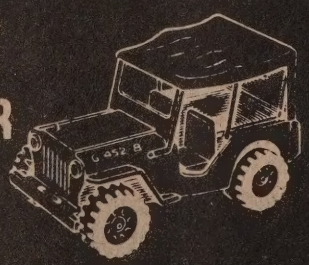

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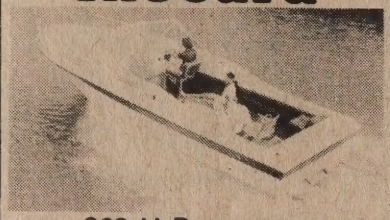

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Bill at **Babylon Fishing Station** reports good mixed bags of porgies, blowfish and blacks at the kismet reef on fiddlers, green crabs and squid along with a few small kingfish. Still some fluke and some flounders now beginning to show. Snakehill Channel and the area between the lighthouse and the Coast Guard station have produced best. Porgies and blowfish in good abundence under the long span of the Fire Island Bridge on squid and clam. Scott and Mike Mcgaha and Frank Jannette took 65 fish consisting of 30 porgies 20 blowfish and 15 seabass.

Augie's Bait & Tackle tells us that from Oyster Bay to Port Jefferson, big blues have been caught over the weekend from the beach from 10 to 13 lbs. on bait, plugs with bunker chunks. Lots of albacore were taken this past week and weekend from 60 to 90 feet of water south of the lighthouse. Lots of porgies, blowfish, big snappers and a few weaks at night off the Babylon Dock and in the canals. Flounders are starting, with a 12 inch flounder taken off the dock by one young boy. Blacks very good at the reef and Coast Guard Station, at the bridges and at local wrecks. A few flukes still around. Weakfish have been taken trolling tubes in 30 feet of water.

LINDENHURST

Duke's Bait & Tackle reports loads of blackfish on the kismet reef and at the Moses Bridge on fiddlers and green crab with slack water best. Lots of porgies, blows, kings in the bay and State channel. Flounders are showing up now in the State channel and the Oak Beach Cove on worms and clam. Big weakfish on live bunker and live snappers in the State channel and at the 3rd Wantagh Bridge and in Fire Island Inlet. Lots of weaks along the beach being trolled on wire in 25-35 feet of water. Umbrellas, bunker spoons and bucktails are doing it. Striped bass are showing in the surf on live eels, poppers (days) and swimmers (nights) from Pt. Democrat up to Jones inlet.Stripers are being taken by boatmen also on live and chunk bait.

COPIAGUE

Jonas Bait & Tackle reports good black fishing at the bridges and over the Kismet reef on fiddlers and green crabs. Fluke has about died off, but there are still a few around. Flounders are starting and there are now a lot of porgies and blowfish. The Copiague hole is very productive for seabass and weak fish with a sprinkling of flounder. Very good fall action. Try the State Channel and the Amityville cut. Porgies predominate in numbers. Jonas has heard of big bass on plugs from Cedar and on live eels. Bottom fishing is really good.

AMITYVILLE

George Combs Bait & Tackle tells of a 36 lb. striper weighed in for Massapequa angler Gary Ravielli, taken at Tobay from the beach on a popping plug on Saturday evening. Stripers at the sore thumb on late afternoons drifting live eels. Bass are being chummed at the Wantagh Bridge and State channel. Blackfishing is very good at the Wantagh bridges and the reef. George says that a new reef is to be constructed 300 yards by 100 yards, off Oak Beach in Fire Island Inlet. This will be a new, welcome addition and should offer a lot of good fishing. Green crabs are working best right now on blacks. The flounder action is picking up for the fall. Good sea bass, porgies right now with the best areas being West Island, Goose Creek and East West Channel. Blues and weaks in 30 to 35 feet of water on tubes. Cholera and Three Sisters are now holding blues for chummers along with bonita and albacore.

MASSAPEQUA

Massapequa Tackle & Sports reports that bottom fishing is really excellent with porgies strong and flounders picking up every day. Blacks are increasing in size and number at the Meadowbrook and Wantagh Bridges on fiddler crabs. Crabbing is excellent with traps or rings at Channel sides. Some bass have been taken off Cedar Beach. One angler had 6 fish to 38 lbs. on Friday on live bunker from the beach. Blues at the Sore Thumb on bunker chunks. Blues at Cholera on chum up to 14 lbs. with butter fish or mackeral bait.

SEAFORD

Lon Wanser Bait & Tackle tells of loads of porgies and sea bass with flounder now being mixed in. Surf action is good at West end, Gilgo and Tobay. Lon weighed in a 45 lb. striper taken from the Meadowbrook Bridge area on live bunker for Seaford angler Art Seaman. Blacks at the bridges and on the wrecks very good on green crab. Fluke are about gone now. Crabbing is excellent on the edges of channels. A few weak fish still at the bridges on live snappers or little bunkers or sand worms at night. Lots of action now says Lon with lots of porgies, sea bass and also lafayettes.

Captain Eddie's Fishing Station reports blacks at the drawbridge up to 4 lbs. on green crab. Flounders are showing now from the Massapequa shoreline up

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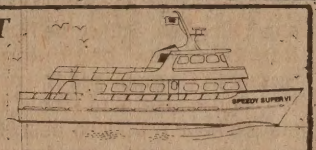

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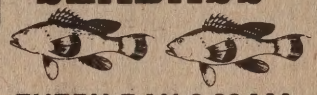
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BELLMORE

Roy at **Merrick Marine Supplies** tells us the surfcasters are taking bass on bunker along all the beaches. Flounders are around but spotty and are mainly in the deeper holes right now. Weaks are being weighed in from 3 to 5 lbs. and are taking swimmers and poppers.

MERRICK

Jimmy at **Nick's Fishing Station** reports that Broad Creek and Rowboat Ally are now producing flounders up to 1½ lbs. and seabass up to 1 lb. Merrick Point still has porgies, blow fish and lafayettes, while blackfish are at the Meadowbrook Bridge on fiddler crabs. The Tea Wreck also has substantial numbers of blacks. Sharpie Lenny Baum saw a lot of stripers off Lido but couldn't get them to hit.

BALDWIN

Arthur Street Fishing Station reports plenty of weak fish in the bay on sand worms at the bridges in the evenings. Flounder are starting to show in Swift Creek, Baldwin Bay and Middle Bay. Blacks, porgies and sea bass are offering good mixed bags now. Blues and weaks off Lido on umbrellas in 40 feet of water. Crabbing still good.

Kathleen Toole took this 9 lb. fluke aboard the "Tiger Shark" from the Tamaqua Fishing Station. The fish was taken on a live bunker off the Rockaway jetty.

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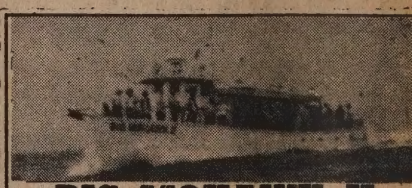

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FREEPORT

Captain Richard Kessinger of the **Starstream II** reports good fishing for porgies, sea bass and blacks at the local wrecks. The fishing is all mixed bags with the blacks coming in up to 5 pounds and about 20 to 40 fish per man.

The **Bluefin Fleet** fished inside the bay on Saturday and Sunday with very good results. A mixed bag of about 15 fish per person included porgies, flounder, fluke, sea bass and other bottom fish. On Sunday, York Industries of Garden City Park was out and did very well with hi-hook having 25 fish. The C.G. Station and the Meadowbrook Bridge have been the best spots at slack tide and the local creeks doing well on the moving tide.

The **Captain Al** reports that on Saturday a 18 man charter was out and did well with 20 blues in the 4 to 5 lb. range, a 10 lb. albacore, and a 6 lb. bonito. The Captain also reported that sea bass fishing in the area is still doing well.

Capt. Dave of the **Lucky Strike III** called to say that on Saturday his charter for the Star Fish Fishing Club boated roughly 150 fish consisting of flounder, porgies, blacks, seabass, lafayettes, snappers, and blowfish. This was in Freeports backwaters, and 12 people were aboard.

Anthony's Fishing Station reports the bridges are producing good catches of blacks, sea bass, lafayettes and some flounders starting. Lots of porgies in the canals and bays, and an occasional fluke. Lots and lots of fish in the bay says Tony. Very good blackfish catches in the deep holes off the barges.

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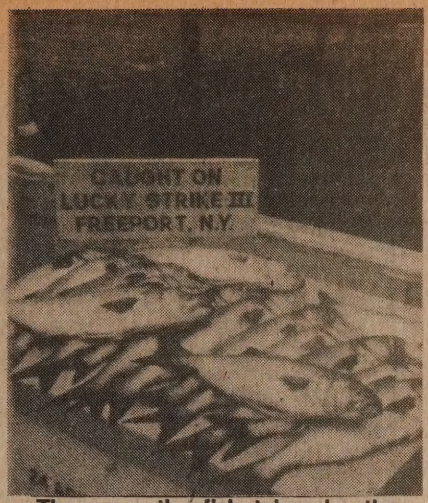

These are the fish taken by the Piscator Fishing Club along with the captain and mate aboard the "Lucky Strike III" out of Freeport. The 93 blues were in the 6 to 12 lb. and were taken from the Cholera Banks on a night charter.

POINT LOOKOUT

The **Marie III** reports that the local wrecks are LOADED with blacks, sea bass and porgies. LOADED. Saturday and Sunday was a fantastic leap job on these bottom feeders. The porgies are hand sized. Saturdays pool was a 4½ lb. black and Sundays was a tie between a 3 lb. black and a 3 lb. seabass.

Andy at **Scotty's Marina** reported that there is fantastic fishing for big porgies and sea bass by the Coast Guard Station and almost any where in Reynold's Channel from Long Beach to the Fire Island Inlet. Blackfishing excellent at the Meadowbrook Bridge, Long Creek Bridge and at the T-Wreck and Rota Wreck outside. Still fluke in the inlet being taken on outgoing tide drifting between buoys 6 and 8. Bluefish are being taken at Cholera chumming, and trolling is producing in the inlet and off the Lido Hotel in 20 to 30 feet of water. Large weakfish are also mixed in with the blues in this area. Some bass were taken from the surf at Gilgo Beach Sunday morning on plugs, also action at Short Beach and the rocks by the Lido Hotel and Magnolia Street. Eddy Reinfliesher took a 41 lb. bass off Lido that had a 1¼ lb. freshly swallowed bluefish inside his gut. Chumming for bass with clam bellies has also been producing some good catches at the Atlantic Beach Bridge during the day on outgoing tide. Striped bass were also being trolled off the Rota Wreck, but boats should be warned that this area is very dangerous to fish if you are not familiar with the wreck, which rises to within a few feet of the surface. On Sunday a large boat hit the wreck and was sunk. BE CAREFUL!!

ISLAND PARK

Charlie at **Beckman's Tackle** said that considering the lousy weekend fishing was great. Blackfishing under the Meadowbrook Parkway Bridges and the Atlantic Beach Bridge was excellent when the water wasn't running too fast. Fish are mixed sizes up to 5 pounds and green crabs or fiddlers are the best baits. Those drifting in the inlet for fluke are being rewarded with good catches of 10 to 15 keepers. Snappers approaching the size of baby bluefish are all over the area. Flounder have moved into the main channels like Reynolds during the week and average catches per boat are 30 to 40 fish of mixed sizes. Plenty of keepers.

Douglas Hatter, Ray Toglia and James Moriarty holding part of their catch of albacore taken southeast of Jones Inlet aboard the charterboat "Sea Bee".

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LONG BEACH

Tom at **Long Beach Sports Marina** reported that bass in the 25 lb. category are being taken regularly swimming live bunker during the day around the Atlantic Beach Bridge and there are also bluefish mixed in. Sunday morning at 10 A.M. Jimmy Gentelesco took a 25 lb. bass and several bluefish and John Stein boated a 28 lb. striper along with some blues. Also some reports of school bass being taken by clam chumming at the bridge. Flounder fishing is off to a good start at Duck Island.

ATLANTIC BEACH

Captain Ronnie Lepper of the **Kim** and the **Atlantic Beach Charter and Guide-boat Fleet** reports that there were big blues being taken off the Rockaways in 40 feet of water up until Friday on spoons. These alligators were averaging 14 to 16 lbs. and big weak fish were hitting these spoons also. Saturday and Sunday saw bad weather put this fishing down, but a few big bass were bucktailed and trolled, nonetheless. One angler had a 46 lber. A few of these fish were taken from between Fire Island and the Rockaways. Loads of small bass and big blues at the Alantic Beach Bridge every morning, feeding on bunker.

JAMAICA BAY

John at the **Cross Bay Rod and Gun Shop** reported that the blackfishing has been very good from the North Channel Bridge. Blackfish in the 1 to 2 lb. range are being taken on fiddler crabs. Still plenty of porgies and snappers in Jamaica Bay along Beach Channel Drive. Some bass being taken at night and at dawn on poppers and swimming plugs around Breezy Pt. There is still some good crabbing in the bay also.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

The Amberjack IV reports that the bluefishing has been good. On Saturday they did very well with 12 fish per man taken in the 2 to 4 pound range.

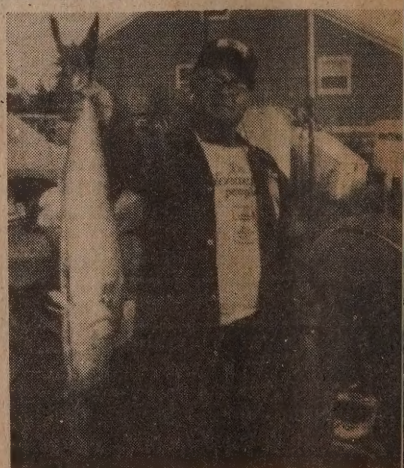
Captain Walter Weigand of the **Flamingo II** reports that there was good jig fishing in the harbor with 20 to 40 blues per man with a few weakfish also taken.

The **Dorothy B** tells us that blackfishing was good during the week with an average of 30 fish per man. The blacks weighed between 7 and 8 pounds with pool fish averaging 7 pounds.

Neil at **Stella Maris Tackle** reports that the open boats have all been doing very good with the bluefish along the entire Jersey coastline. Plenty of school bass are being taken clam chumming and on sand worms around the Verranzano Bridge and it looks like the start of a good fall bass run. Plenty of blackfish being taken on fiddler crabs around the Marine Parkway Bridge and most rocky areas. Fluke fishing has just about had it.

STATEN ISLAND

Lenny at **Santo's Sport Shop** reports plenty of porgies, spots and snapper blues are being taken in the area from the Verranzano Bridge to Tottenville. The area around the Verranzano Bridge is also producing jumbo blues 9 to 1 pounds for the surfcasters and those fishing from boats. The boats are trolling small bunker spoons and gorilla rigs and the surfcasters are using poppers and swimming plugs at night and cut bait during the day from the beach. Some weakfish in the 7 to 8 lb. range are also mixed in with the blues. Plenty of school bass activity at Penny Beach and Cliff Street using worms, Kastmasters and bucktails.



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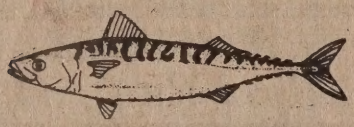

NORTH SHORE Fishing Report

ORIENT POINT

Orient By The Sea Marina reports good bass fishing in the Gut in the 15 to 25 lb. range on bucktails and pork rind. Also some blues were taken in the Gut on bucktails. Blackfishing north of Plum Island has been good with these fish averaging 5 to 10 pounds taken on green crabs.

GREENPORT

A.P. White Bait Shop informs us of good blue and bass fishing at Plum Gut on bucktails with yellow pork rind. Blues at the Pigeon Rips and the Race have been taken in the 10 to 12 lb. range on diamond jigs and bunker. Blackfishing at Plum and Gull Islands has been good with these fish weighing 3 to 4 pounds with some 10 to 12 lb. fish taken on green crabs and fiddlers. Blackfishing at the Greenport Jetty and docks has been good on fiddlers and green crabs.

The open boat **Wilhelric II** reports that they are now blackfishing and doing very well at it, as evidenced by 30 blackfish over 8 lbs. on Saturday along with a lot of other blacks. Some men had over 100 blackfish, says Capt. Artie Leitch. Green crabs and fiddlers are the tempters. The **Wilheric I** on a Sunday charter arranged by Joe Kelly of Huntington and Ron Pool of Central Islip bagged 44 blues and over 100 blacks for the day.

SOUTHOLD

Port of Egypt Marine reports good blackfishing at the Windmills and the Brickyard with fish up to 10½ pounds on green crabs and fiddlers. Flounder have been taken at Long Beach on clams, mussels and sand worms. These fish are being taken at the first set of fish traps past the abandoned lighthouse. There are also plenty of porgies in the bay.

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JAMESPORT

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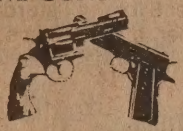

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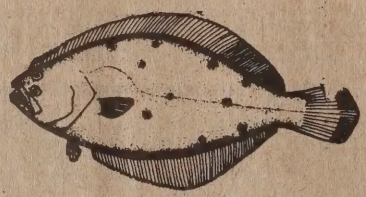

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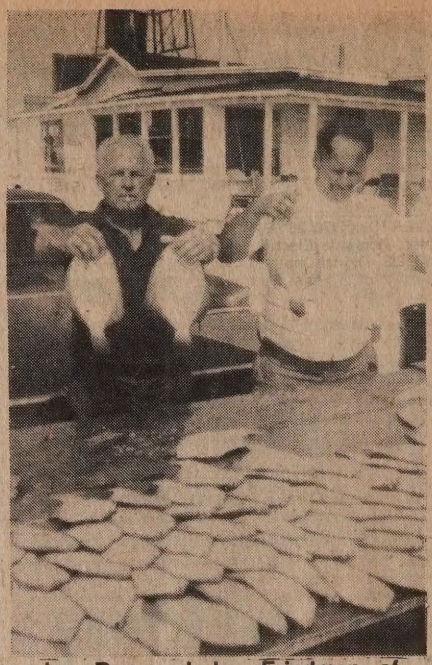

Joe Dee and Irv Friedman of N.Y.C. with their catch 107 flounder caught at Orient Point on clams and mussels. Photo courtesy of Port of Egypt.

taken off the beach in the 10 to 15 pound range on bunker chunks, butterfish and also some being taken on plugs.

On October 1st the draggers were allowed in the bay and cleaned out porgies and weakfish.

ROCKY POINT

The Town of Brookhaven along with the North Brookhaven Sportfishermen's Club is holding their 4th Annual Fishing Contest this Sunday, October 10th at Cedar Beach in Mt. Sinai. The contest is considered the largest on Long Island with over 400 anglers participating. Fishing from the beach starts at 7 A.M. and ends at 11 A.M. when all the trophies are awarded. There is a Jr. and Sr. division with 10 trophies awarded in each division. There is also a casting tournament with a Jr. and Sr. division with 3 trophies awarded in each division. Everyone is invited, you don't have to be a Brookhaven resident, just show up. For further information, call Steve at 744-6260.

MT. SINAI HARBOR

Dick's Sporting Goods informs us that blacks up to 8 pounds are being taken in the rocky areas on fiddlers and worms and porgies are being taken off Cedar Beach on worms. Flounders are starting to show up inside the harbor.

Ralph's Fishing Station tells us of bluefishing at buoy 9 in the 3 to 4 lb. range with some larger. Porgies are being taken inside the harbor and also in the Sound on worms, skimmers and squid. Blackfish are being taken off the beach in the 3 to 9 lb. range on green and fiddler crabs.

PORT JEFFERSON

The Betty W reports good blackfishing with pool fish in the 7 to 10 lb. range with the best fishing in good weather. On Thursday Everett Wilson of Stony Brook was hi-hook and pool winner with a 7 lb. black.

Angler's Den reports bluefish up to 17 pounds being taken in Port Jeff and Mt. Sinai harbors on bunker with some blues being taken on poppers. Bass fishing in the harbor is good with these fish in the 14 to 15 lb. range being taken on live eels and bunker. Mike Voripaieff took a 39 lb. 8 oz. bass on a live eel in the harbor. Weakfish in the 4 to 7 lb. range are being taken while jigging for blues at buoys 11 and 9. Mark Elf took a 8 lb. 12 oz. blackfish at buoy 11 on green and fiddler crabs.

NORTHPORT

Bowman's Sporting Goods reports that since Thursday plenty of blues have been caught in the head of the harbor from day break to about 9:30. These blues are being taken with heavy tackle on bunker. Joe Argiro took a 16 lb. bluefish on bunker. On Saturday, Sandra Lissner and Barbara Hooker took blues of 14½ and 13½ pounds on bunker in the harbor. Bass are being taken at the Eaton's Neck Coast Guard Station on clam bellies with most of the fish being schoolies. Blackfish are being taken ½ mile south of buoy 11 B in 45 feet of water on green crabs. These fish are up to 10 pounds and six to eight ounces of lead should be used to hold bottom. Snappers are still in the harbor and are between 10 and 12 inches. Flounder are being taken at Sand City on worms and squid. Saturday morning tinker mackerel were taken off the town dock.

HUNTINGTON

Four Winds Bait and Tackle informs us that on Sunday Rich Saylor along with Max and Fred Schnettler took over 40 blacks ranging from 5 to 7 pounds off the East Bar at Eaton's Neck on green crabs. Stripers in the 5 to 10 lb. range have been taken in the rips off Eaton's Neck clam chumming. Also bass up to 8 pounds are being trolled off Target Rock on worms. Flounder up to a pound are showing up in the Huntington—northport Harbor areas.

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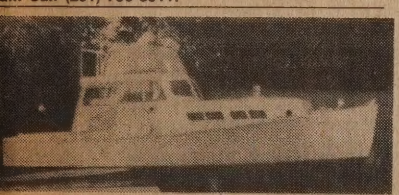

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Charlie Sweeney, capt. of the charterboat "Chianti" with blues diamond jigged near Nortons Pt.

she slacks. Catches are very good but do vary in quantity from day to day. Bluefish showed during the week in Lloyd Harbor and the mouth of Northport Harbor and were taken on bunker which they were also feeding on. Blackfishing has increased in both numbers and in size at Eaton's Neck and Target Rock, on fiddlers, green crab and clam. Some large porgies are mixed in at Eaton's Neck along with some good size seabass.

Capt. Don of the **Everready** called to say that Carol Berrian, a Jr. at Holy Family High School on Saturday afternoon took 37 fish as hi hook. Mixed bags of porgies, blacks, small blues, flounders and a few fluke made up the catch. Roughly 300 were caught on the boat Saturday. On Sunday's blackfish trip, Chris Tuile of E. Northport took the pool with a 7¾ lb. black. Check the **Everready** ad for Sunday jumbo blacktrips. These trips are not for amateurs or those with queezy stomachs, as this is big water fishing.

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GLEN COVE

Glen Cove Sports reports blackfishing in the rocky areas at Matinecock Pt. has been excellent with fish up to 8 pounds being taken on green crabs. Morgan's Breakwater has also been an excellent spot for blackfish at low tide only. Snappers, porgies and lafayettes are still plentiful in the area. Flounders up to a pound are being taken from the sandy beaches on worms. There are lots of shorty bass being taken by trolling worms in the rocky areas. Bass are also being taken regularly up to 20 pounds in the Rips from Maxwells to Davidson's.

PORT WASHINGTON

Moreland's Bait and Tackle reports that there are still plenty of flounders, porgies, lafayettes to be had along with the blackfish which are being taken at all rocky areas on green and fiddler crabs.

CITY ISLAND

Jack's Bait and Tackle reports there are plenty of porgies and lafayettes at Harts Island and Orchard Beach. There are still plenty of blackfish up to 8 pounds at the old CBS Tower and at Execution Light.

Shown here are Vincent Damm, John Rok and James Lennon with their catch aboard the "Viking Starlite".

HIGH TIDE TABLES

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	Breakwater Harbor AM	Breakwater Harbor PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGE-PORT AM	BRIDGE-PORT PM	NEW-PORT AM	NEW-PORT PM	DATE
THUR.	7:55	8:14	8:48	9:03	8:36	8:53	9:28	9:51	—	12:00	11:22	11:44	7:42	8:00	10/7
FRI.	8:31	8:49	9:23	9:40	9:14	9:29	10:03	10:27	12:21	12:27	11:59	—	8:23	8:40	10/8
SAT.	9:04	9:25	9:57	10:15	9:47	10:05	10:38	11:01	12:46	12:41	12:21	12:36	9:01	9:18	10/9
SUN.	9:38	10:00	10:30	10:50	10:23	10:42	11:14	11:40	12:59	12:59	12:58	1:13	9:40	9:58	10/10
MON.	10:12	10:36	11:07	11:26	10:57	11:16	11:51	—	1:19	1:28	1:35	1:50	10:19	10:38	10/11
TUE.	10:47	11:16	11:44	—	11:29	11:53	12:20	12:30	1:52	2:05	2:16	2:29	11:01	11:22	10/12
WED.	11:21	—	12:05	12:26	—	12:04	1:03	1:11	2:32	2:48	2:59	3:14	11:43	—	10/13
THUR.	12:01	12:11	12:49	1:14	12:53	12:47	1:53	1:58	3:15	3:33	3:46	4:02	12:07	12:31	10/14

HOW TO USE TIDE TABLES:

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet.....—0 50" is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." —0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6 ½ hours to this figure.

On SANDY HOOK

STATEN ISLAND	+ 0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	— 0 01
Red Bank, Navesink R.I.	+ 0 48
Long Branch	— 0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	— 0 18
Shark River Basin	+ 0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	— 0 12
Seaside Park	— 0 33
Mantoloking Bridge	+ 5 34
TOMS RIVER	+ 4 37
Waretown	+ 2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	— 0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+ 2 33
Beach Haven	+ 1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	— 0 01
Seven Islands	+ 0 12
Graveling Point	+ 1 05
Mullica River	+ 1 55
Grassy Bay	+ 1 08
ABSECON INLET	+ 0 14
Atlantic City Pier	— 0 26
Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet	+ 0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+ 0 46
CORSON INLET	+ 0 09
TOWNESEND INLET	+ 0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+ 0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+ 0 45
Cape May Harbor	— 0 02
Rehoboth Beach	— 0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+ 0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	— 0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+ 1 25
East Quogue	+ 2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+ 1 18
Indian Reservation	+ 3 05
MORICHES INLET	— 0 56
Smith's Point	+ 3 28
Harts Cove	+ 1 30
Potunck Point	+ 3 35
Mastic Beach	+ 3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	— 0 38
Democrat Point	— 0 38
Coast Guard Station	— 0 19
Fire Island Light	+ 0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+ 3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+ 3 20
Bay Shore	+ 2 23
Babylon	+ 2 12
Amityville	+ 2 21
JONES INLET	— 0 19
Zachs Bay	+ 1 25
Seaford Harbor	+ 2 05
Freeport Creek	+ 0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	— 0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+ 0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	— 0 00
Beach Ch. Bridge	+ 0 38
JFK Airport	+ 0 26

On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+ 0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+ 0 08
Bayville Bridge	+ 0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+ 0 03
Northport Bay	+ 0 03
Norwalk Islands	+ 0 10
Smithtown Bay	— 0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+ 0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+ 0 03
New Haven Harbor	+ 0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	— 0 08
Herod Point	— 0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+ 0 19
Horton Point	— 0 20
Truman Beach	— 0 42
Falkner Island	— 0 13
Sachem Head	— 0 10
Branford Harbor	— 0 07
New Haven Harbor	— 0 08
Milford Harbor	— 0 07
Stratford	+ 0 27
Shelton	+ 1 36
Black Rock Harbor	— 0 03
Saugatuck River	— 0 01
South Norwalk	+ 0 10
Greens Ledge	— 0 01
Stamford	+ 0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+ 0 06
Greenwich	+ 0 02

On NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+ 0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+ 0 12
Greenport	+ 1 04
Southold	+ 1 43
New Suffolk	+ 2 26
South Jamesport	+ 2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+ 2 33
Noyack Bay	+ 2 05
Sag Harbor	+ 0 59
Gardiners Bay	+ 0 21
Promised Land	— 0 14
Montauk Inlet	— 0 25
Montauk Point	— 1 13
Niantic	+ 1 20
Stonington	— 0 33
Noank, Mystic River	— 0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	— 0 01
Norwich	+ 0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+ 1 10
Lyme	+ 1 24
Essex	+ 1 38
East Haddam	+ 2 41
Higganum Creek	+ 2 54

On WILLETS PT.

Little Neck Bay	— 0 10
Execution Light	— 0 06
Manhasset Bay	— 0 01
Hempstead Harbor	— 0 11
City Island	— 0 03
Rye Beach	— 0 28
Port Chester	— 0 09
Mamaroneck	— 0 08
New Rochelle	— 0 24
Davids Island	— 0 02

On B'WATER HB.

CAPE MAY POINT	— 0 10
Miami Beach	+ 1 17
East Point	+ 0 53
Egg Island Point	+ 0 33
Cape Henlopen	— 0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+ 0 09
Mispillion River Ent.	+ 0 33
St. Jones River Ent.	+ 0 57

On NEW YORK

Jersey City	+ 0 07
Geo. Washington Br.	+ 0 46
Spuyten Duyvil	+ 0 58
Ossining	+ 1 53
Peekskill	+ 2 24
West Point	+ 3 16
Newburg	+ 3 42

On NEWPORT

Sakonnet	— 0 10
Tiverton	+ 0 21
Beavertail Point	— 0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+ 0 10
Bristol	+ 0 10
Warren	+ 0 21
Nayatt Point	+ 0 12
Pawtucket	+ 0 21
East Greenwich	+ 0 16
Wickford	+ 0 12
Narragansett Pier	— 0 08
Point Judith Harbor	— 0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+ 0 05
Old Harbor	— 0 14
Watch Hill Point	+ 0 44

SUNRISE/SUNSET

10/7	7:03	6:32
10/12	7:09	6:23
10/17	7:14	6:16
10/22	7:21	6:08
10/27	7:27	6:01

PHASES OF THE MOON

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	2nd Qtr.
10/23	10/29	10/8	10/16

The schedule of solunar periods for the following week as printed below has been taken from the original Knight Solunar Tables. Plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during these times when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for an hour-and-a-half or two hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter type.

	AM Minor	AM Major	PM Minor	PM Major
THURS.	4:20	**10:45**	4:45	**11:10**
FRI.	4:55	**11:25**	5:25	**11:50**
SAT.	5:35	—	6:05	**12:10**
SUN.	6:20	**12:35**	6:50	**1:05**
MON.	7:20	**1:30**	7:40	**1:50**
TUES.	8:05	**2:20**	8:30	**2:45**
WED.	9:00	**3:10**	9:20	**3:35**
THURS.	9:50	**4:00**	10:10	**4:25**

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